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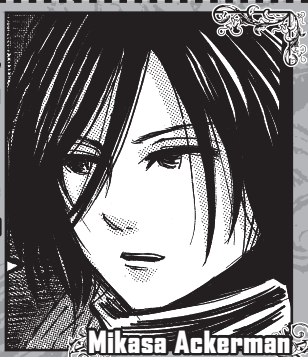
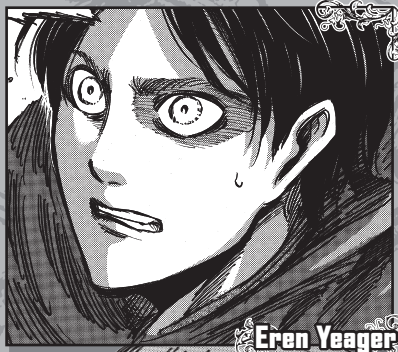
104th Corps



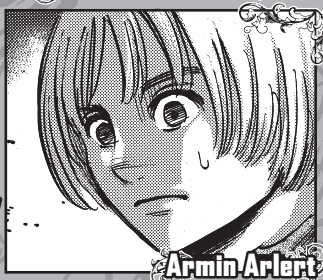
Graduated at the top of her training corps, Mikasa is a highly talented soldier. Her parents were murdered before her eyes when she was a child, but Eren saved her life. Since then, she has made it her mission to protect him.

Mikasa Ackerman



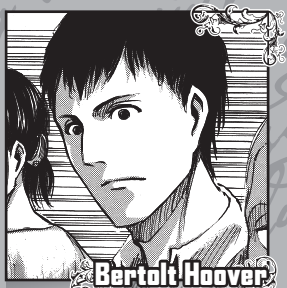
Eren joined the Survey Corps out of his longing for the outside world and his hatred of the Titans. He has the power to turn himself into a Titan, but its origins are unknown.

Eren Yeager

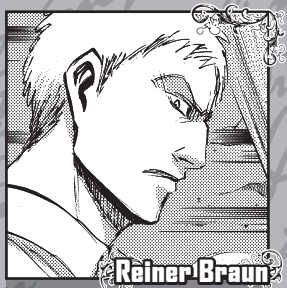


Eren and Mikasa's childhood friend. Though Armin isn't athletic in the least, he possesses both sharp observational powers and keen insight, and he exhibits an extraordinary ability to develop strategies.

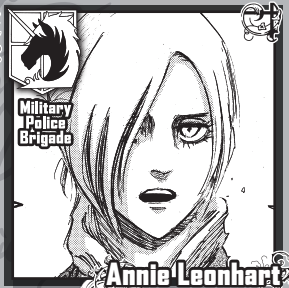
Armin Arlert



Bertolt Hoover



Reiner Braun



Annie Leonhart

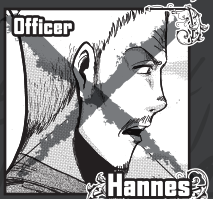
The Colossus Titan

The Armored Titan

The Female Titan

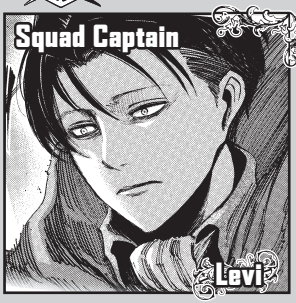
The Garrison

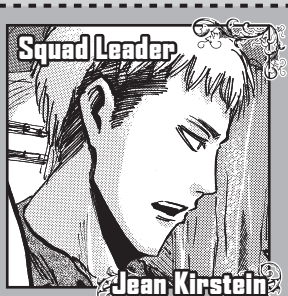
Defenders of cities who work to reinforce the walls.

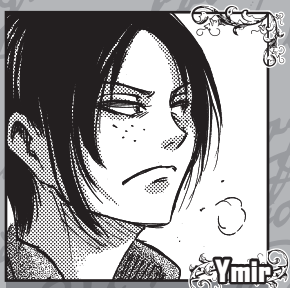


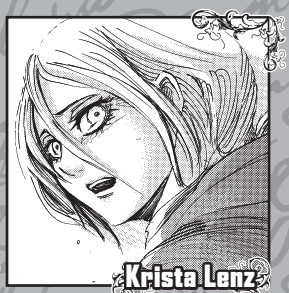
Survey Corps

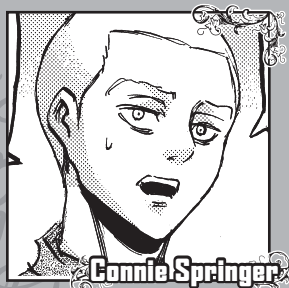
Soldiers who are prepared to sacrifice themselves as they brave the Titan territory outside the walls.

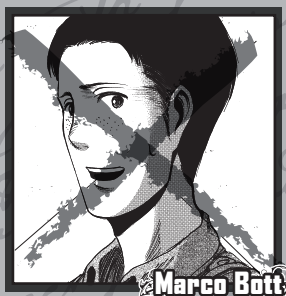


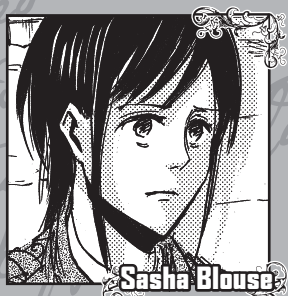












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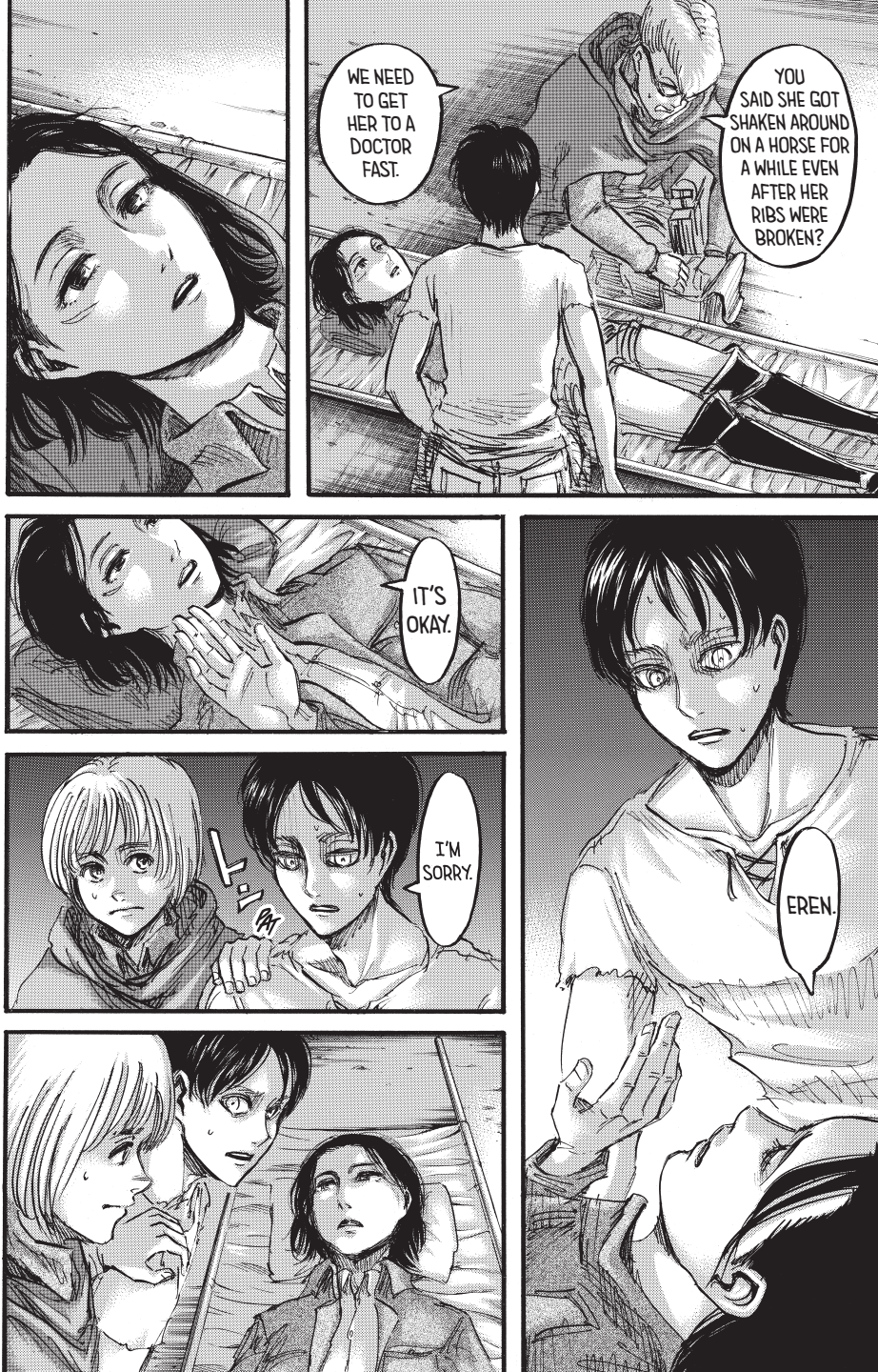
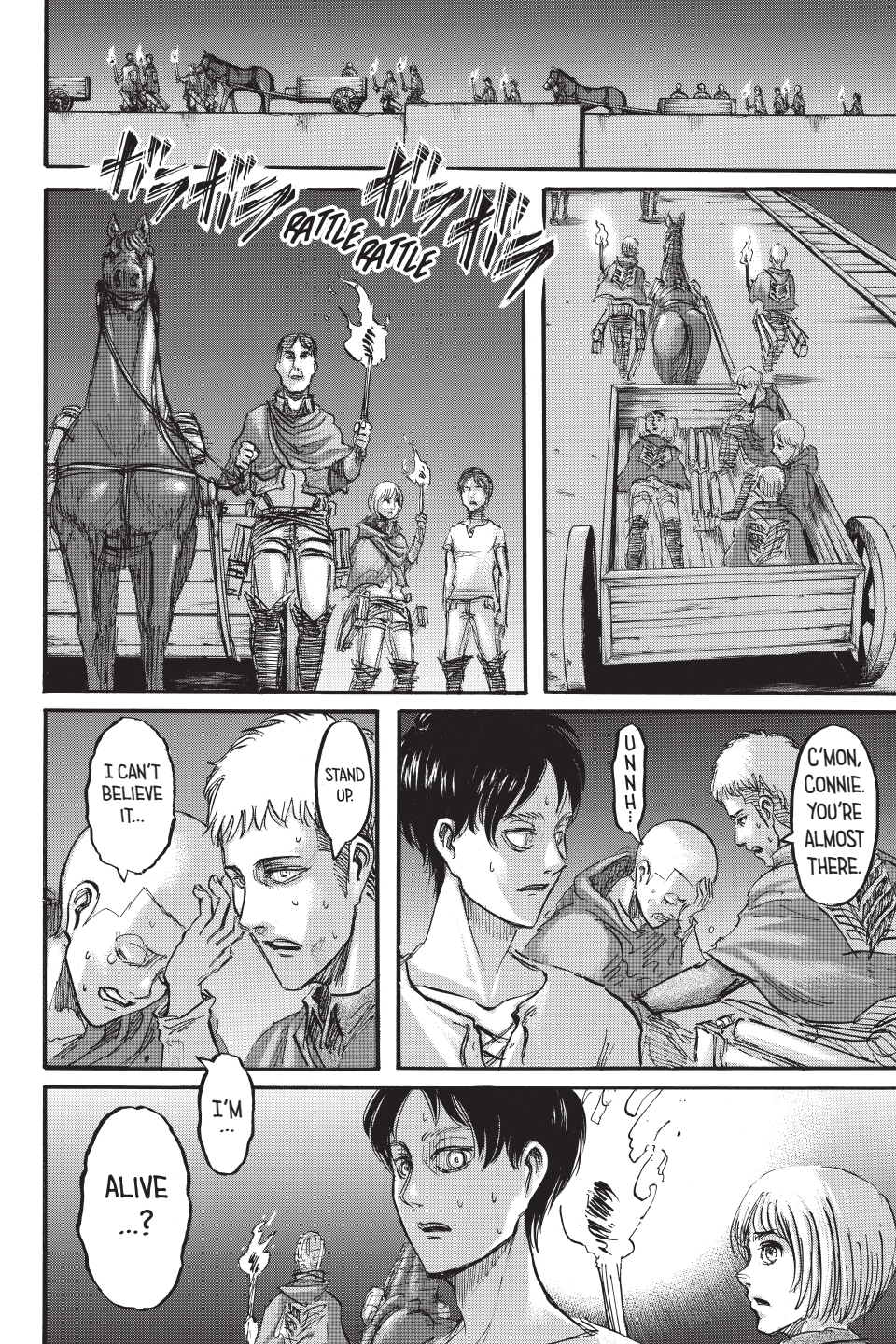
IS THIS REALLY EVERY-ONE ...?!
HURRY! HELP THE INJURED FIRST !!
THUNK
WHERE DID THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE GO?!
DID WE REALLY LOSE MORE THAN HALF OF THEM?
WHOA!
SWAY
THIS GIRL'S IN BAD SHAPE, TOO!
SLUMP

DRINK.
YOU'RE OKAY. THE TITANS ARE GONE NOW.
UNH ...
AGH ...
FWO
WAAGH...
Episode 51:
Squad Levi

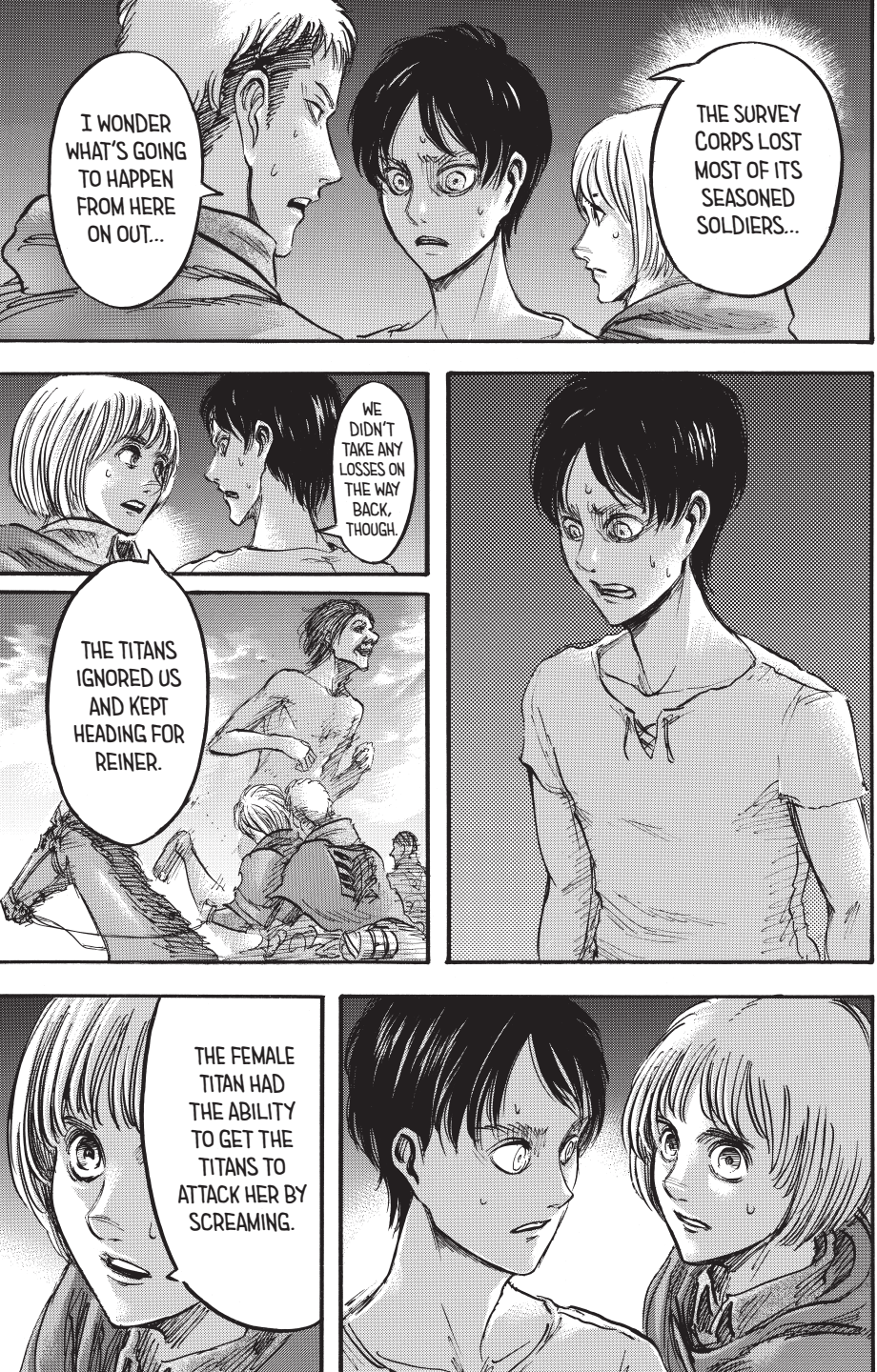
NOT SURE ABOUT THE TITANS WE WERE UP AGAINST, BUT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE GOT OUT OF THAT ALIVE.
THE 104TH HAS GOT THE DEVIL'S LUCK.
NOW PUT HER DOWN SLOWLY.
GRRT


WE NEED TO GET HER TO A DOCTOR FAST.
YOU SAID SHE GOT SHAKEN AROUND ON A HORSE FOR A WHILE EVEN AFTER HER RIBS WERE BROKEN?
IT'S OKAY.
I'M SORRY.
EREN.

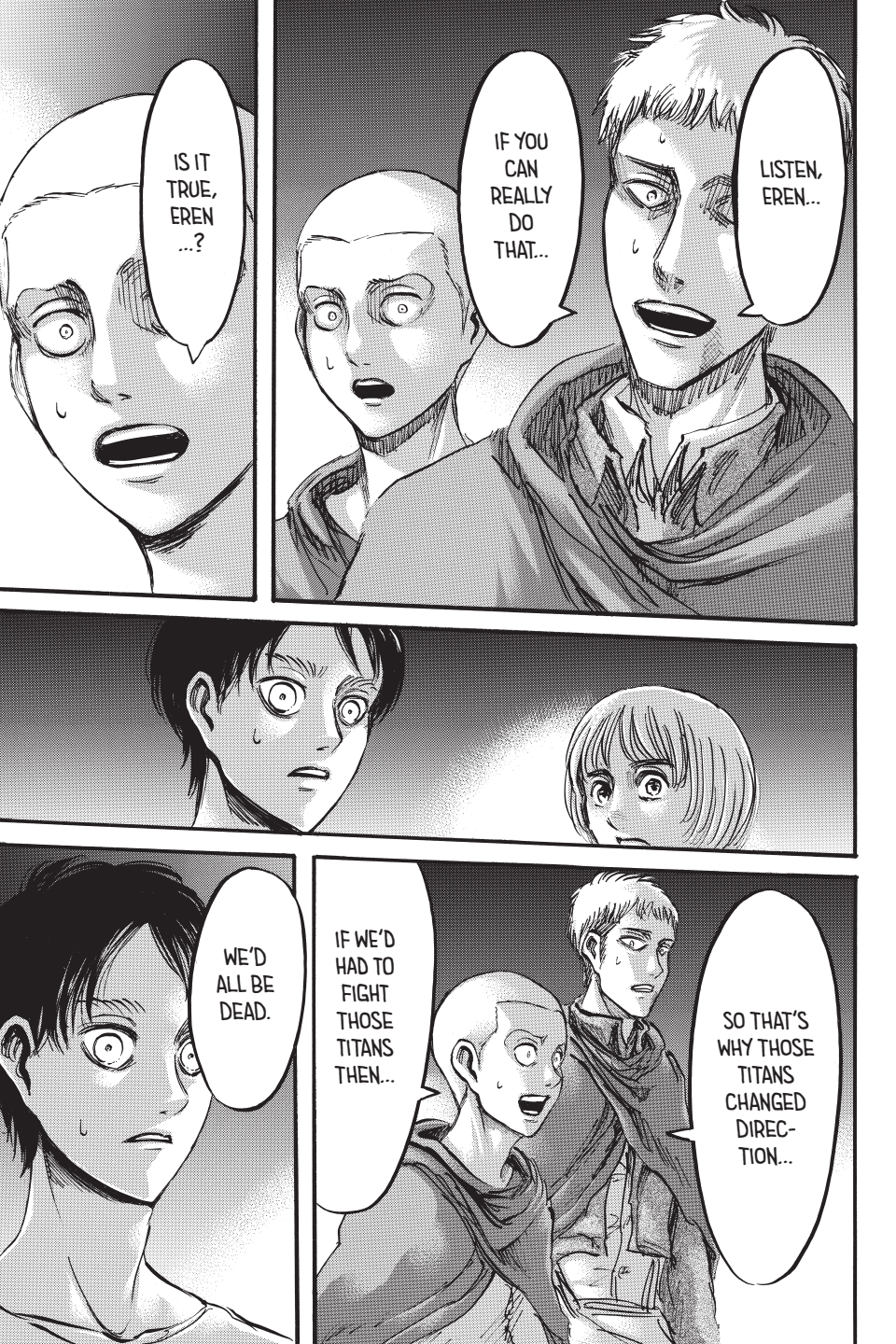
HE'S ABOUT TO PASS OUT !!
CAN YOU HEAR ME, COMMANDER?!
COMMANDER?!
COMMANDER!!
JUMP
PICK HIM UP, NOW !!

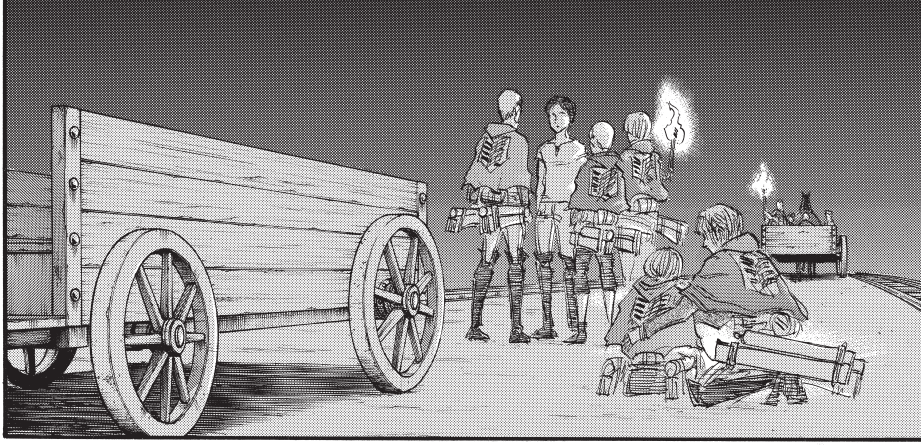

RATTLE RATTLE
STAND UP.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
C'MON, CONNIE. YOU'RE ALMOST THERE.
UNNH...
I'M ...
ALIVE ...?

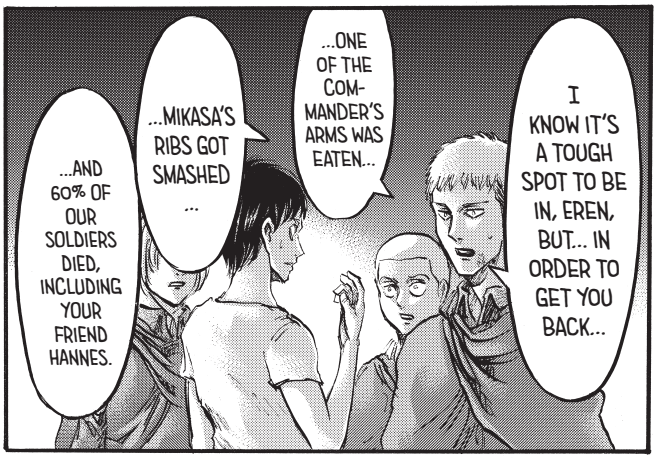
HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED BECAUSE OF ME THIS TIME...?
I GOT TAKEN AGAIN...
I'M SORRY... BUT MOST OF THEM GOT EATEN ON THE WAY.
WELL... IT WAS PROBABLY TOO MUCH FOR ALL THOSE INEXPERIENCED MPS.
WHEN WE LEFT HERE, I THINK THERE WERE 100 OF US, INCLUDING MILITARY POLICE.
...ARE UP AND WALKING.
OF THEM, ONLY ABOUT HALF...
...BUT I ONLY SAW FORTY OR SO ON THE WALL.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE DETAILS AFTER THAT...


I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN FROM HERE ON OUT...
THE SURVEY CORPS LOST MOST OF ITS SEASONED SOLDIERS...
WE DIDN'T TAKE ANY LOSSES ON THE WAY BACK, THOUGH.
THE TITANS IGNORED US AND KEPT HEADING FOR REINER.
THE FEMALE TITAN HAD THE ABILITY TO GET THE TITANS TO ATTACK HER BY SCREAMING.

BUT THIS TIME... SOMETHING MADE THEM ALL GO AFTER THE ARMORED TITAN AND THE TITAN THAT ATE HANNES.
YOU DID THAT, RIGHT, EREN?
I...
I...
...
EVERY-THING WENT CRAZY WHEN THAT HAP-PENED ...
...I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT...
...ARE YOU SAYING EREN MANIPU-LATED THOSE TITANS ?!
WELL ...I DON'T ...


LISTEN, EREN...
IF YOU CAN REALLY DO THAT...
IS IT TRUE, EREN ...?
SO THAT'S WHY THOSE TITANS CHANGED DIREC-TION...
IF WE'D HAD TO FIGHT THOSE TITANS THEN...
WE'D ALL BE DEAD.

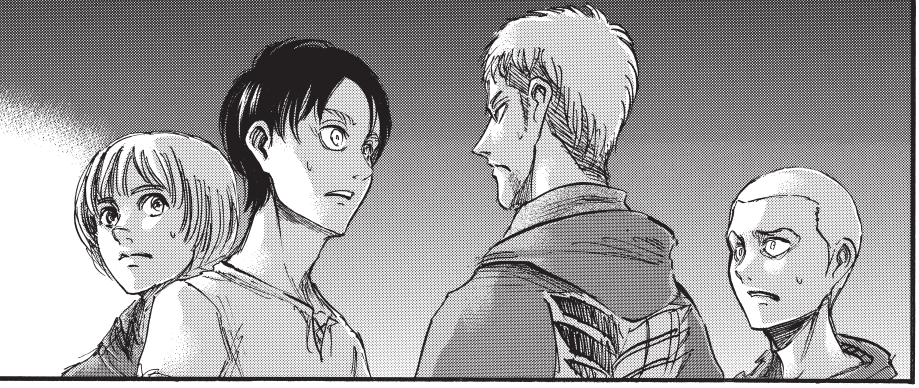


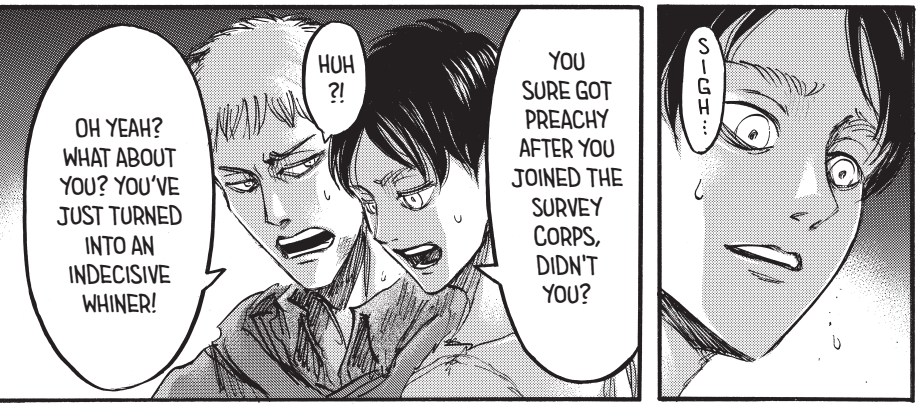

...MIKASA'S RIBS GOT SMASHED ...
...ONE OF THE COMMANDER'S ARMS WAS EATEN...
I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH SPOT TO BE IN, EREN, BUT... IN ORDER TO GET YOU BACK...
...AND 60% OF OUR SOLDIERS DIED, INCLUDING YOUR FRIEND HANNES.

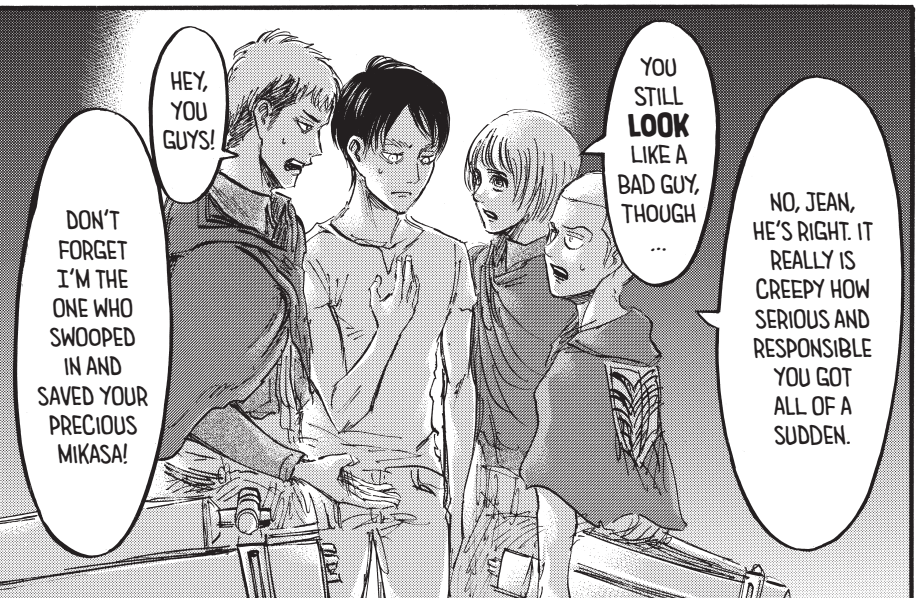
...

...THAT DEPENDS ON YOU NOW, DOESN'T IT?
AS TO WHETHER THE PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED TO GET YOU BACK DIED FOR NOTHING...

...IS SOMETHING I STILL DON'T KNOW.
WHETHER YOU'RE REALLY WORTH PAYING THAT KIND OF PRICE...

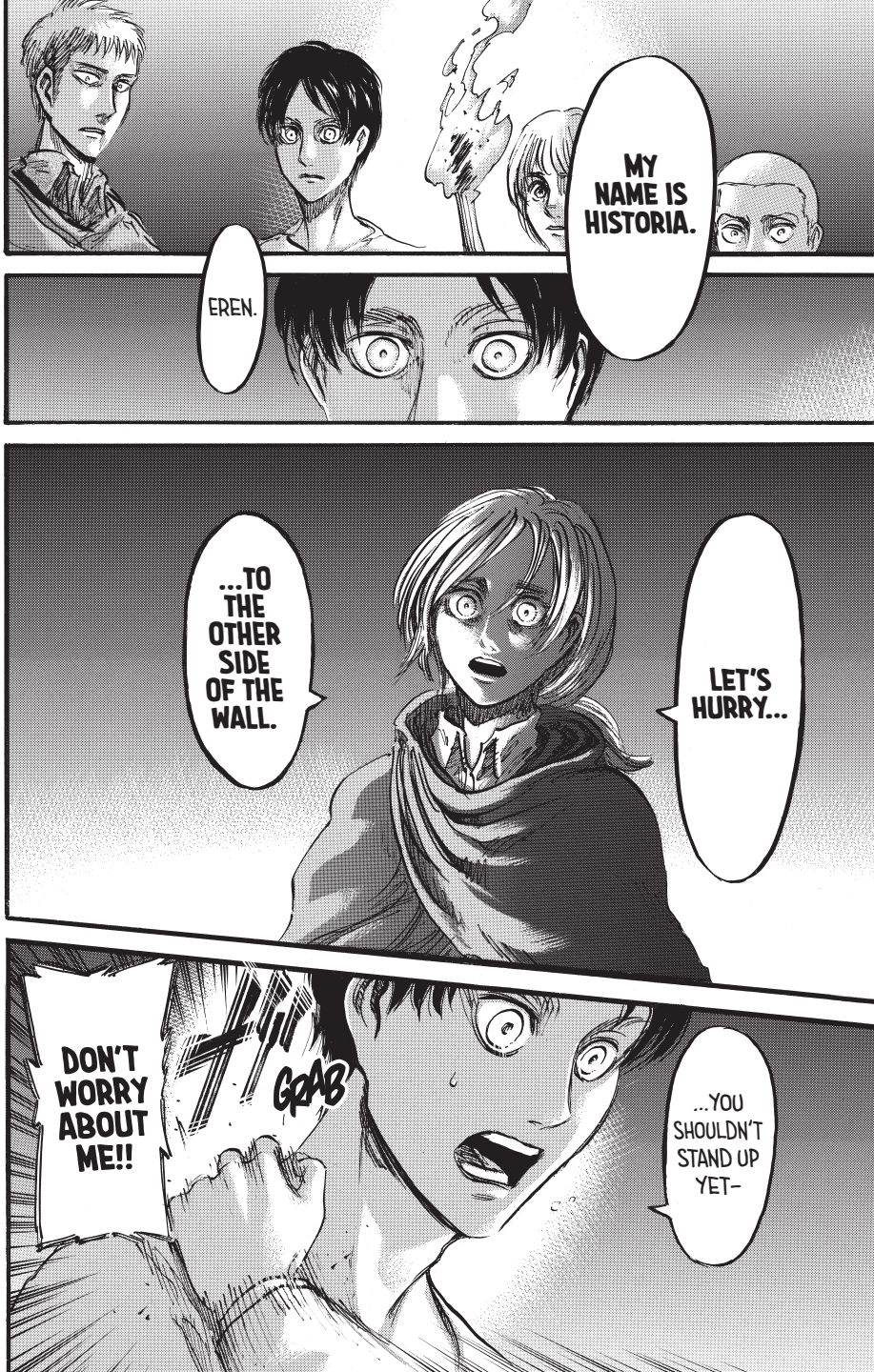



HUH ?!
OH YEAH? WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'VE JUST TURNED INTO AN INDECISIVE WHINER!
YOU SURE GOT PREACHY AFTER YOU JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, DIDN'T YOU?
SIGH…

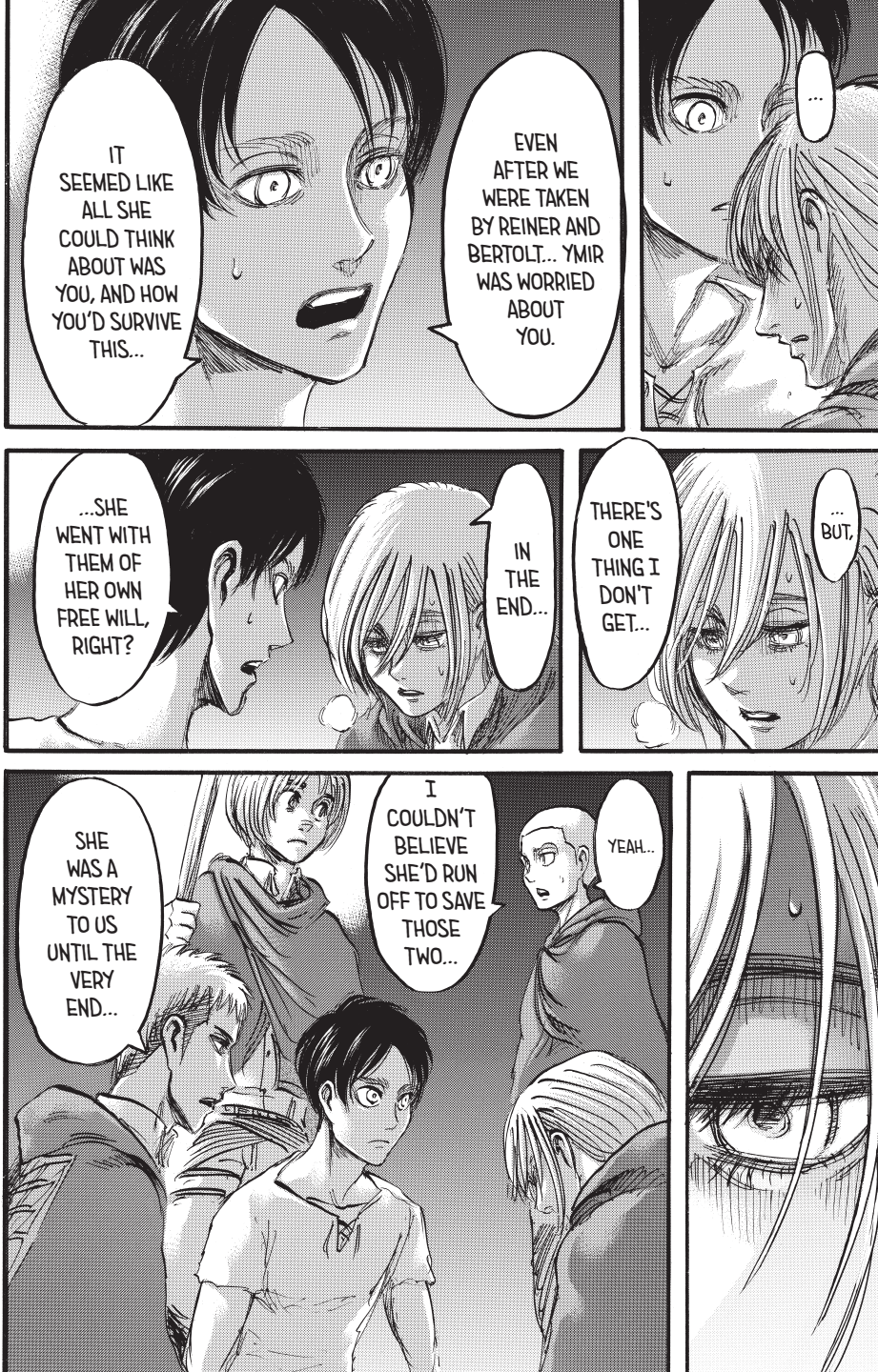

HEY, YOU GUYS!
DON'T FORGET I'M THE ONE WHO SWOOPED IN AND SAVED YOUR PRECIOUS MIKASA!
YOU STILL **LOOK** LIKE A BAD GUY, THOUGH …
NO, JEAN, HE'S RIGHT. IT REALLY IS CREEPY HOW SERIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE YOU GOT ALL OF A SUDDEN.

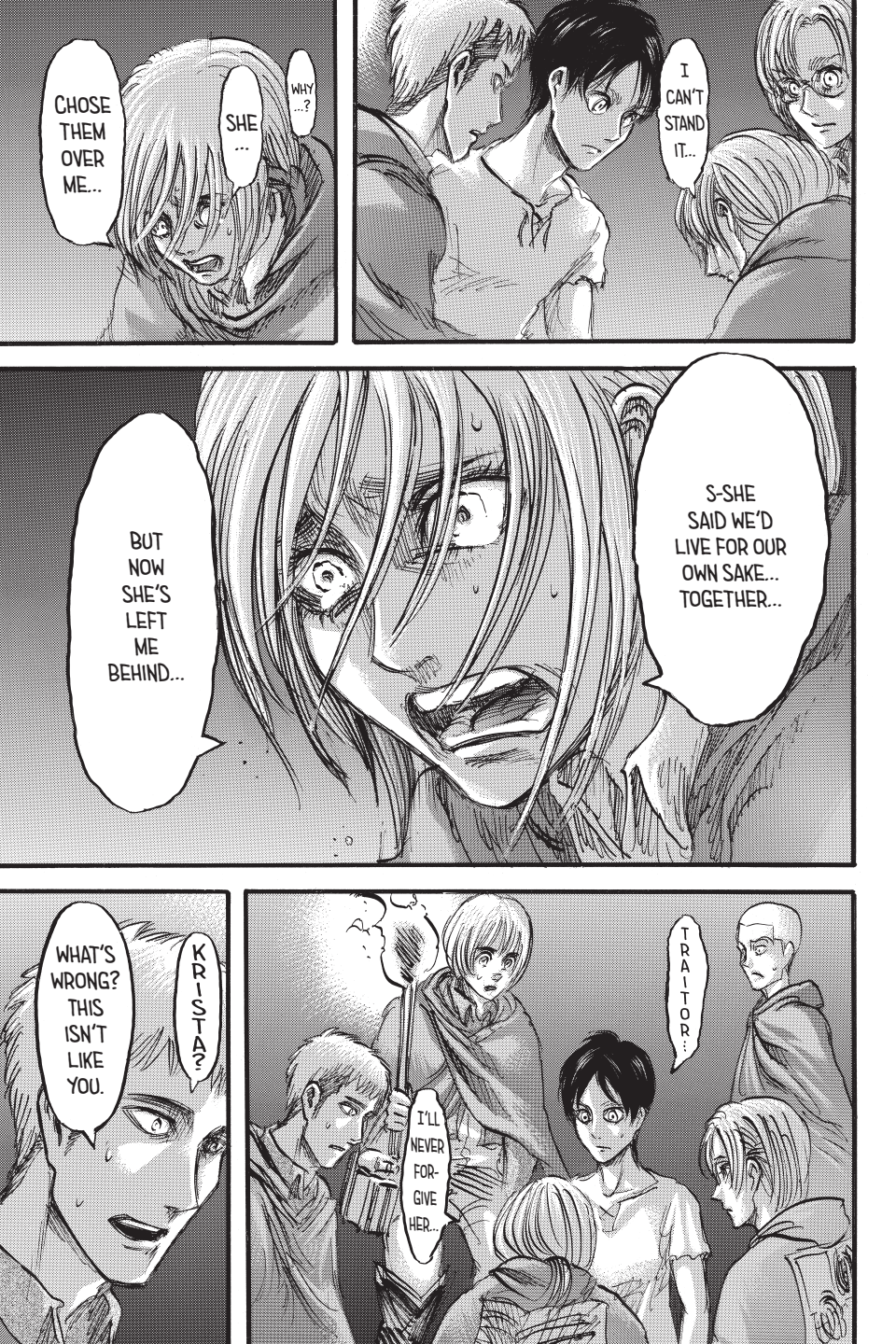
THANKS TO YOU...
GRIP
...HUH?!
TWITCH
THANKS, JEAN.
I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO HESITATE ANYMORE.
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
I JUST HAVE TO DO THIS.
I'LL CONTROL THE TITANS.
AND I'LL SEAL THE HOLE IN WALL MARIA.

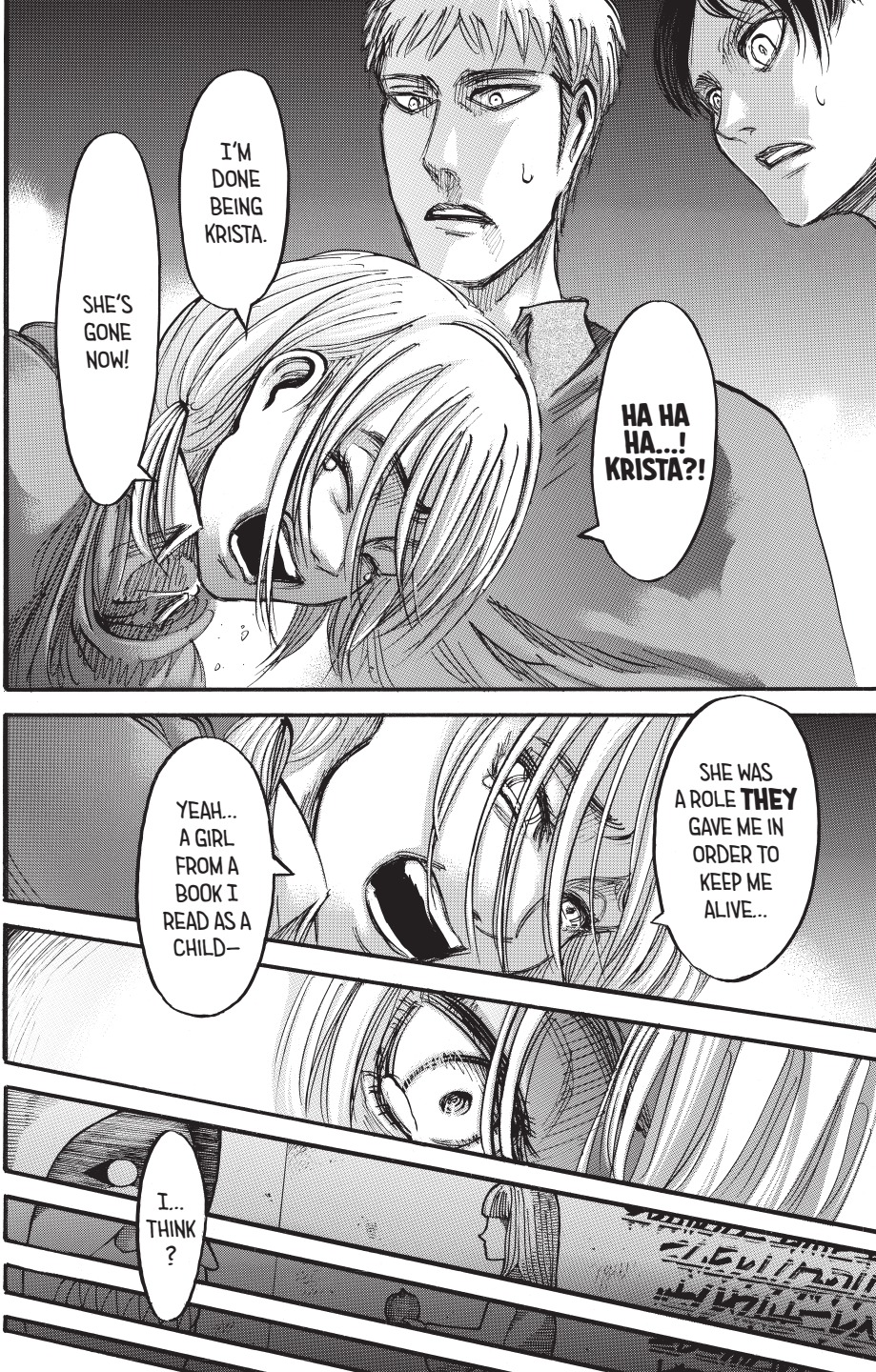
I'M GOING TO CATCH REINER AND BERTOLT AND MAKE THEM PAY.
I'LL MAKE SURE THE DEATHS OF HANNES AND EVERYONE ELSE REALLY DO HELP HUMANITY KEEP SURVIVING.
THAT'S HOW I SHOULD REPAY THEM.
HM ?!
... WAIT!
KRISTA?! ...IT'S—
NO.


MY NAME IS HISTORIA.
EREN.
LET'S HURRY...
...TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL.
...YOU SHOULDN'T STAND UP YET-
GRAB
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!!

IF WE DON'T SOON, SHE'S GOING TO GO FAR AWAY!!
WE HAVE TO GET YMIR BACK...!!
USE YOUR TITAN POWERS TO DO SOME-THING!!
W-WAIT-
H-HEY...
YOU'RE STRONG, AREN'T YOU, EREN?!
YOU'RE COM-PLETELY EXHAUST-ED.
CALM DOWN, RE-CRUIT.
HUH...?!

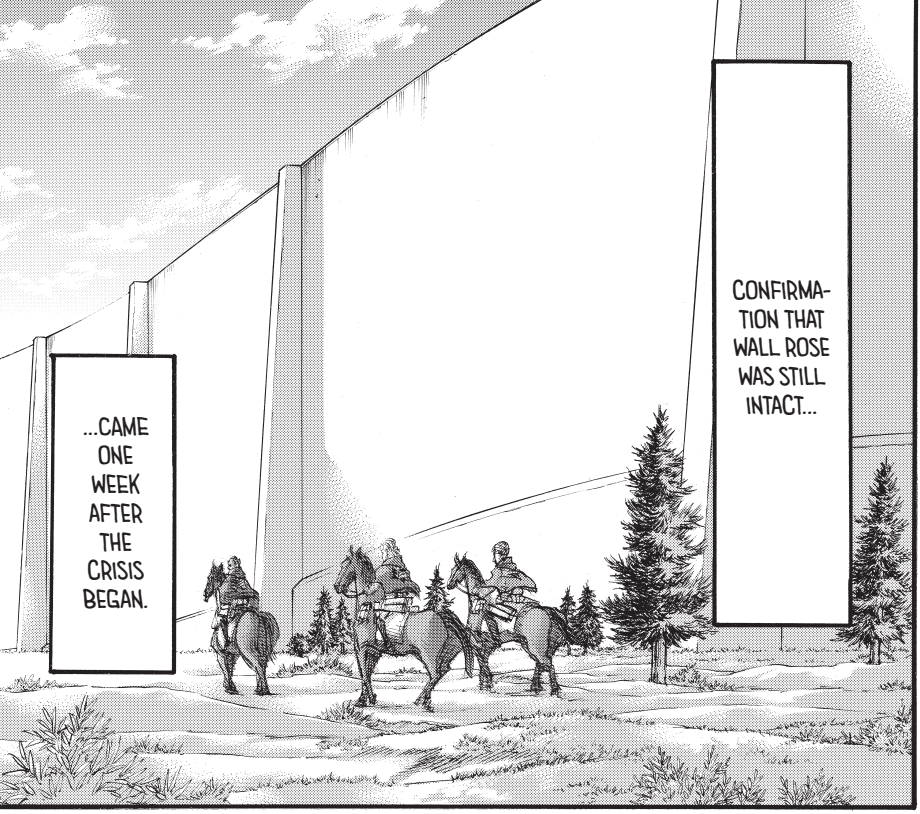

IT SEEMED LIKE ALL SHE COULD THINK ABOUT WAS YOU, AND HOW YOU'D SURVIVE THIS...
EVEN AFTER WE WERE TAKEN BY REINER AND BERTOLT... YMIR WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
...
...SHE WENT WITH THEM OF HER OWN FREE WILL, RIGHT?
IN THE END...
THERE'S ONE THING I DON'T GET...
... BUT,
SHE WAS A MYSTERY TO US UNTIL THE VERY END...
I COULDN'T BELIEVE SHE'D RUN OFF TO SAVE THOSE TWO...
YEAH...

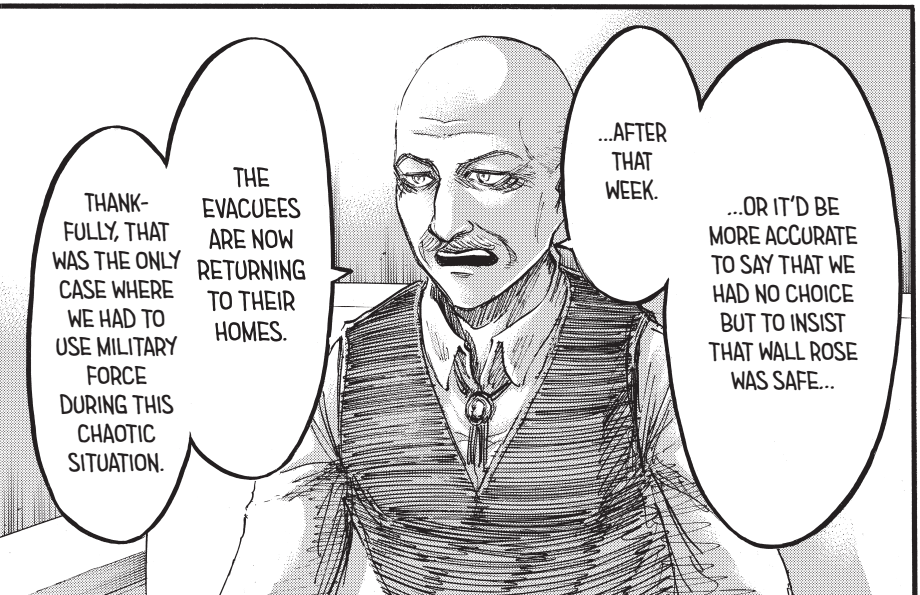

I CAN'T STAND IT...
WHY...?
SHE...
CHOSE THEM OVER ME...
S-SHE SAID WE'D LIVE FOR OUR OWN SAKE... TOGETHER...
BUT NOW SHE'S LEFT ME BEHIND...
TRAITOR...
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HER...
KRISTA?
WHAT'S WRONG? THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.

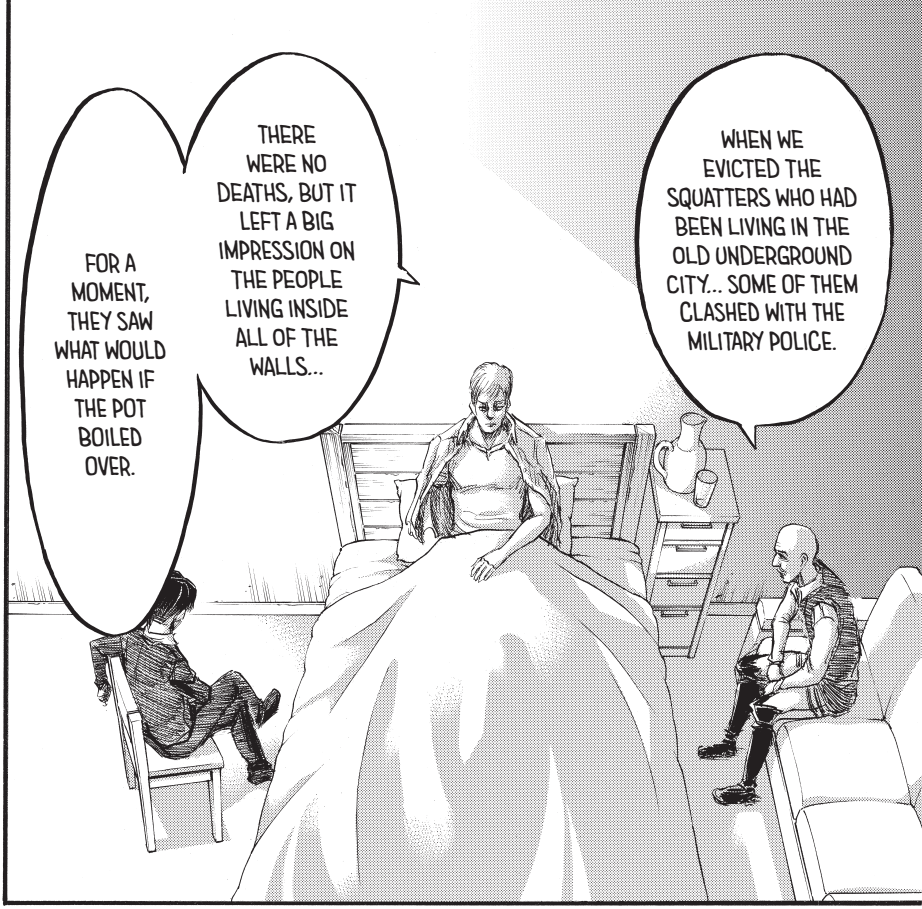

I'M DONE BEING KRISTA.
SHE'S GONE NOW!
HA HA HA...! KRISTA?!
SHE WAS A ROLE **THEY** GAVE ME IN ORDER TO KEEP ME ALIVE...
YEAH... A GIRL FROM A BOOK I READ AS A CHILD—
I... THINK ?

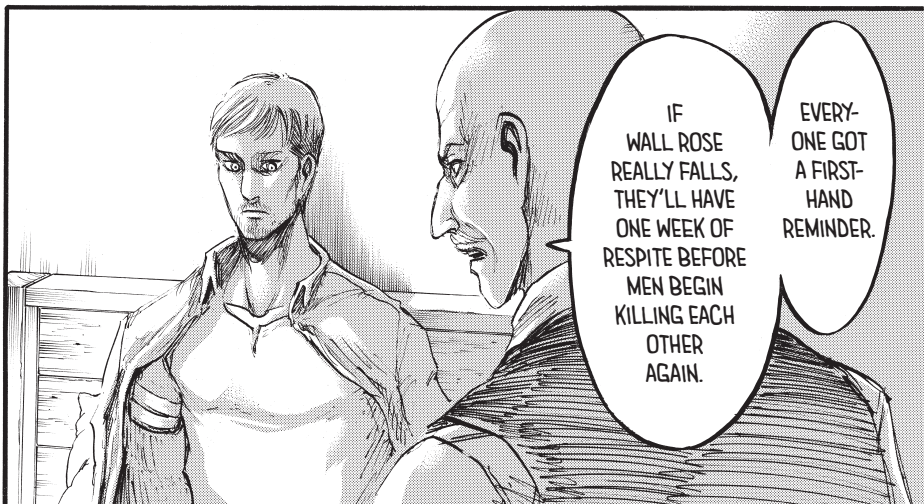
THE INHABITANTS OF WALL ROSE DID AS THEY WERE TAUGHT IN DRILLS PREPARING THEM FOR A SECOND WALL BREACH.
THEY EVACUATED TO THE OLD UNDER-GROUND CITY INSIDE WALL SHEENA.
AS WAS PREDICTED, THE FOOD SUPPLIES THAT WERE MEANT TO FEED THOSE STILL REMAINING, OVER HALF OF HUMANITY...
... WOULDN'T LAST MORE THAN A WEEK.

IF THEY WERE FORCED PAST THAT, THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE.
IN OTHER WORDS, IF WALL ROSE WAS ACTUALLY BREACHED, HUMANITY WOULD ENJOY ONLY ONE MORE WEEK OF PEACE.
...OR STEAL AND LIVE.
STARVE AND DIE...
SURREN-DER EVERY-THING...
...OR THROW IT ALL AWAY.


CONFIRMATION THAT WALL ROSE WAS STILL INTACT...
...CAME ONE WEEK AFTER THE CRISIS BEGAN.

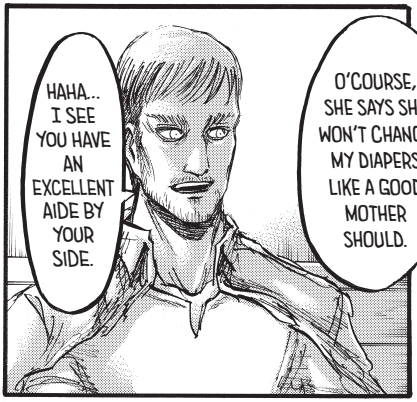

...OR IT'D BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO INSIST THAT WALL ROSE WAS SAFE...
...AFTER THAT WEEK.
THE EVACUEES ARE NOW RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES.
THANK-FULLY, THAT WAS THE ONLY CASE WHERE WE HAD TO USE MILITARY FORCE DURING THIS CHAOTIC SITUATION.


FOR A MOMENT, THEY SAW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE POT BOILED OVER.
THERE WERE NO DEATHS, BUT IT LEFT A BIG IMPRESSION ON THE PEOPLE LIVING INSIDE ALL OF THE WALLS...
WHEN WE EVICTED THE SQUATTERS WHO HAD BEEN LIVING IN THE OLD UNDERGROUND CITY... SOME OF THEM CLASHED WITH THE MILITARY POLICE.


IF WALL ROSE REALLY FALLS, THEY'LL HAVE ONE WEEK OF RESPITE BEFORE MEN BEGIN KILLING EACH OTHER AGAIN.
EVERY-ONE GOT A FIRST-HAND REMINDER.

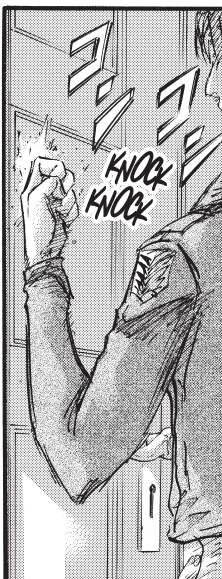
I'M SORRY, ERWIN. I KNOW YOU'VE ONLY JUST RECOVERED ENOUGH TO TALK TO US...
...BUT I UNDERSTAND IF YOU'D RATHER GO BACK TO SLEEP THAN HEAR WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY.
NO, I'M TIRED OF SLEEP-ING.
PLEASE CONTINUE.
...
IT'S TOO BAD ABOUT YOUR RIGHT ARM.
...
HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF MEN DO YOU THINK I'VE SENT OUT TO BE EATEN BY TITANS?
ONE ARM ISN'T NEARLY ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR THAT.
I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY BACK THE REST WHEN I END UP IN HELL...

SOUNDS GOOD... MIND IF I COME VISIT WHEN WE BOTH MAKE IT DOWN THERE?
WHAT'S WRONG, OLD MAN?
GIVING UP?
MAYBE YOU NEED ANOTHER DRINK.

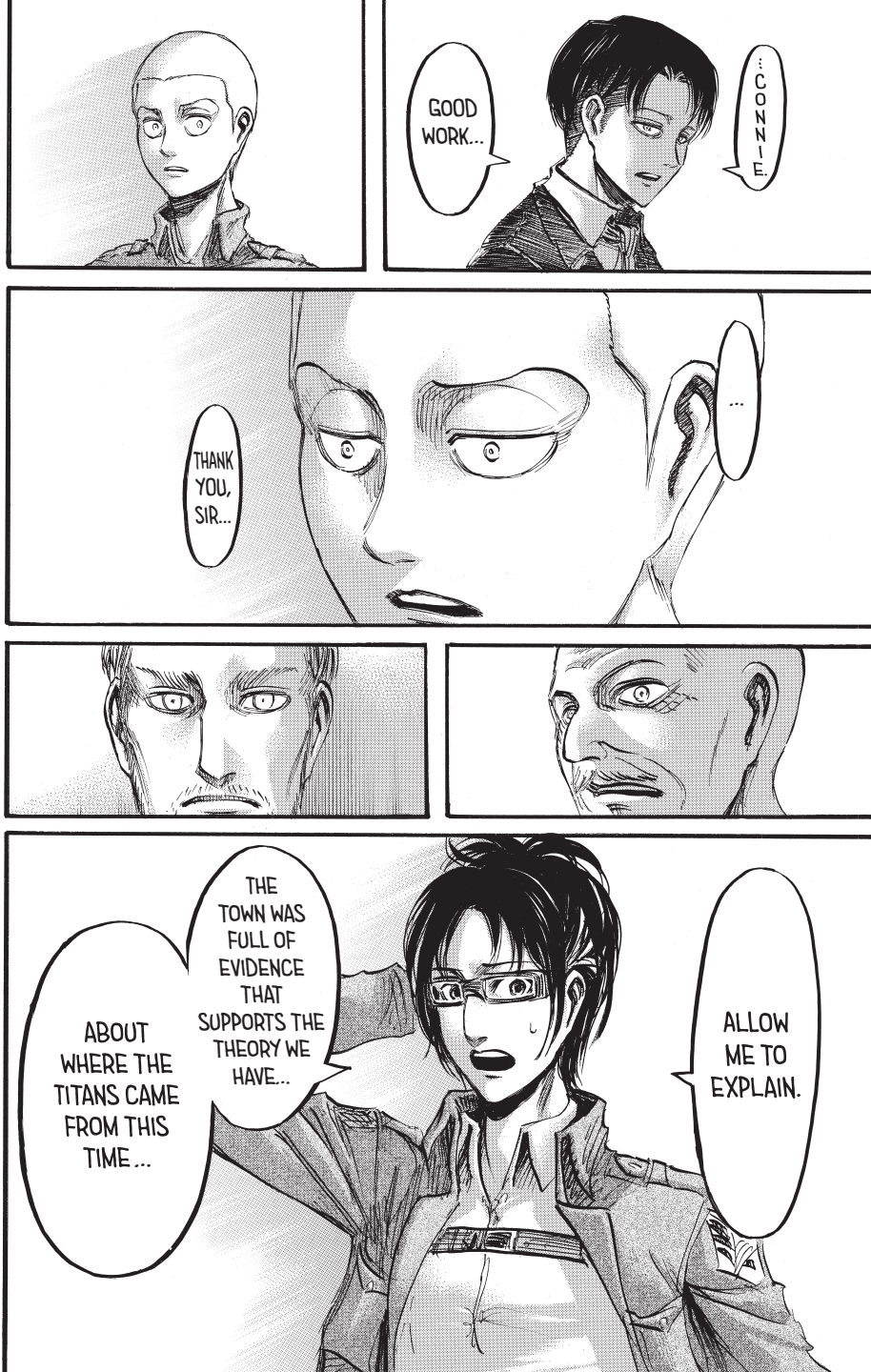

O'COURSE, SHE SAYS SHE WON'T CHANGE MY DIAPERS LIKE A GOOD MOTHER SHOULD.
HAHA... I SEE YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT AIDE BY YOUR SIDE.

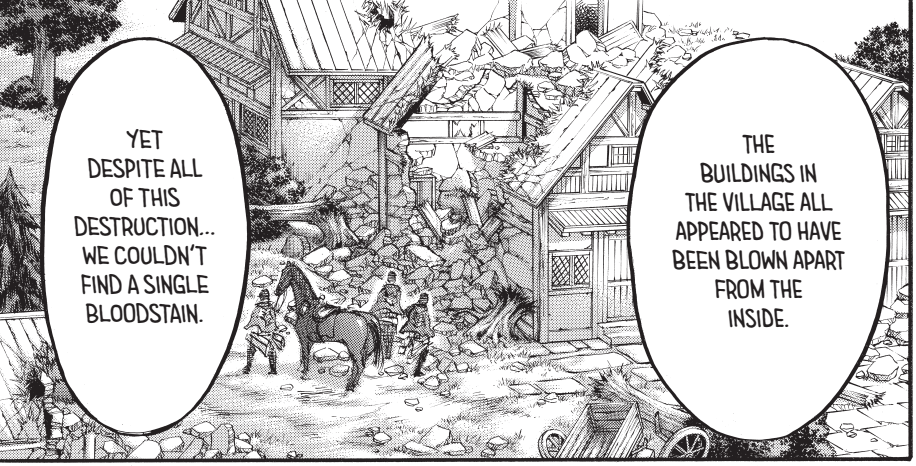
AYE, IT'S THE PERFECT TIME FOR A DRINK.
SADLY, THIS ONE'S TAKEN IT ALL AWAY FROM ME.

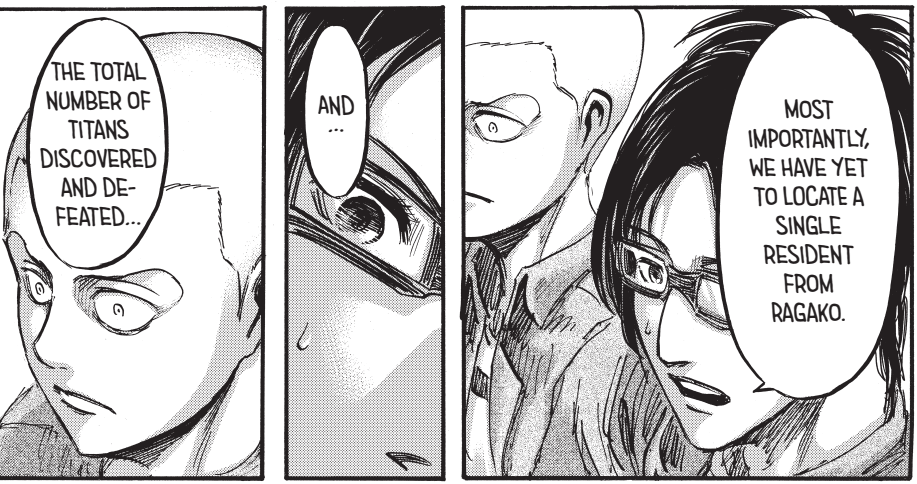
GOOD TO SEE YOU AWAKE, SIR.
COME IN.
GCHT
IT'S HANGE.

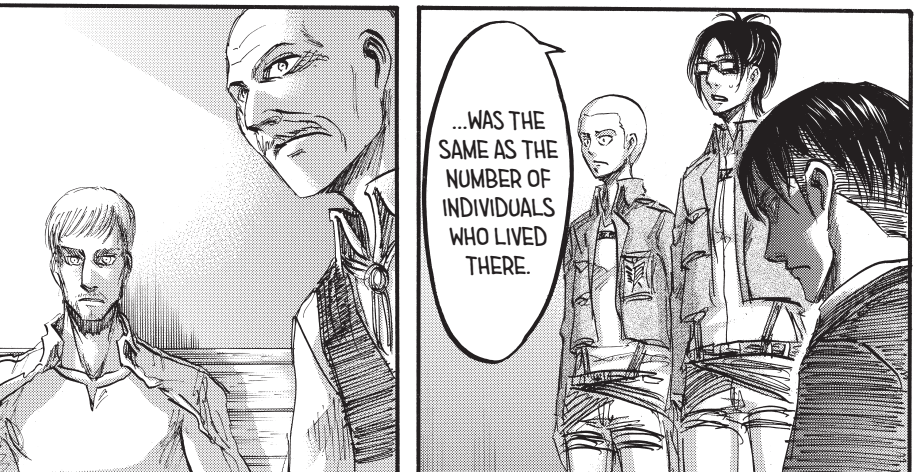

KNOCK KNOCK

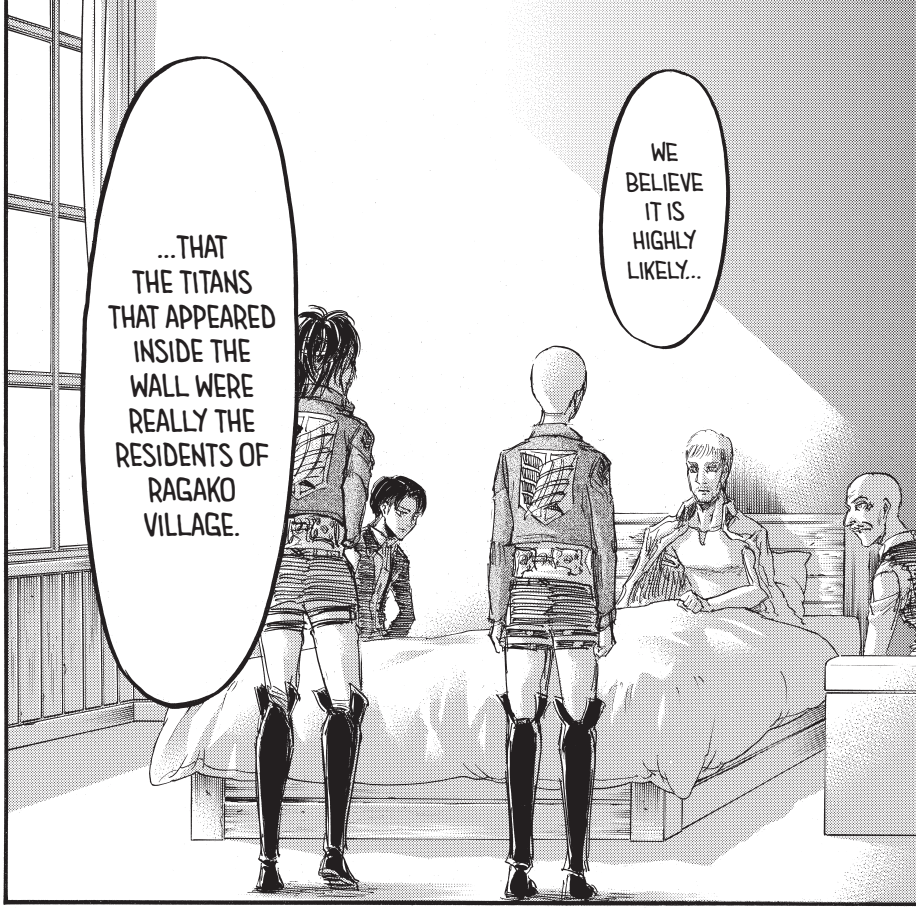
SO YOU WERE HERE ALL ALONG, COMMANDER PIXIS.
PERFECT TIMING.
I'M HERE TO REPORT ON THE RECENT INCIDENT.
THIS IS—
CONNIE! CONNIE SPRINGER, OF THE 104TH SURVEY CORPS, SIR!
HE'S FROM THE VILLAGE I MENTIONED, RAGAKO.
SINCE HE WAS THERE TO WITNESS THE INCIDENT, I HAD HIM ACCOMPANY MY SQUAD.

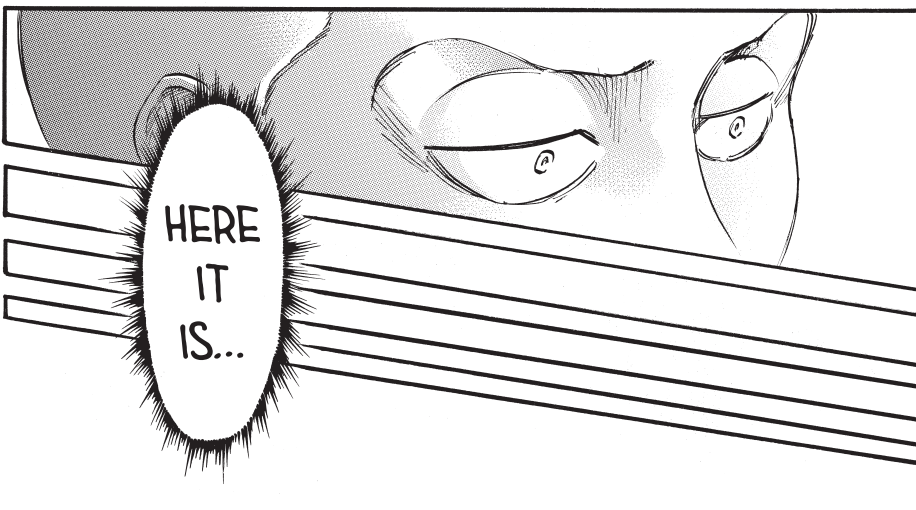

GOOD WORK...
...CONNIE.
THANK YOU, SIR...
...
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN.
THE TOWN WAS FULL OF EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS THE THEORY WE HAVE...
ABOUT WHERE THE TITANS CAME FROM THIS TIME...


THE BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE ALL APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN APART FROM THE INSIDE.
YET DESPITE ALL OF THIS DESTRUCTION... WE COULDN'T FIND A SINGLE BLOODSTAIN.


MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE YET TO LOCATE A SINGLE RESIDENT FROM RAGAKO.
AND ...
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TITANS DISCOVERED AND DE-FEATED...


...WAS THE SAME AS THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVED THERE.


WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY...
...THAT THE TITANS THAT APPEARED INSIDE THE WALL WERE REALLY THE RESIDENTS OF RAGAKO VILLAGE.


HERE IT IS...

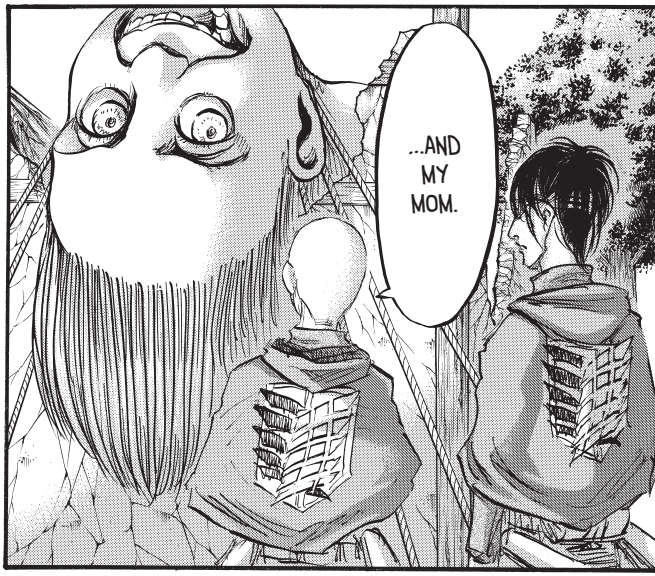
カン カン
CLANG CLANG
THIS IS A PORTRAIT OF MY PARENTS.
...I SEE. SO THIS IS YOUR MOTHER?

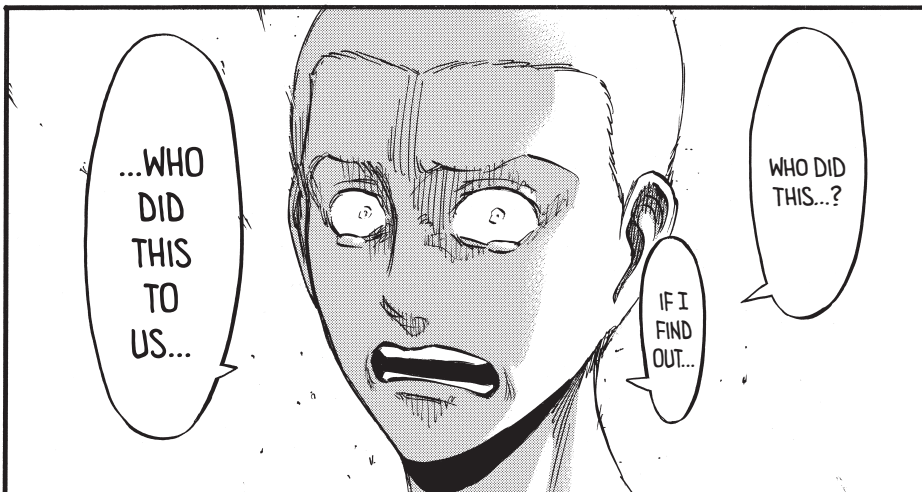
...IN-
CREDI-
BLE...
THIS
TITAN... IT
SPOKE TO
ME.
IT SAID,
"WELCOME
HOME."

WHAT ...?
WHEN I TOLD EVERYONE WHAT I'D HEARD...
REINER DESPERATELY TRIED TO CONVINCE ME THAT I WAS CRAZY.
... ACTUALLY, YMIR DID, TOO...
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS... BOTH OF THEM KNEW...
THEY KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED ...
AND THEY TRICKED EVERYONE SO WE WOULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT...
I HAD FOUND A CLUE, SO THOSE TWO...
DAMN IT...
...
REMOVE ALL THE STAKES YOU PUT IN ITS BODY.
ALL RIGHT ...
ISN'T IT BEST TO BE SURE?
... IT'S FINE.
ALL YOU NEED ...
...IS TO TIE IT DOWN WITH ROPE.
...CONNIE.

ALL I HAVE LEFT IS THIS PIC-TURE...
SO...
...THANK YOU.

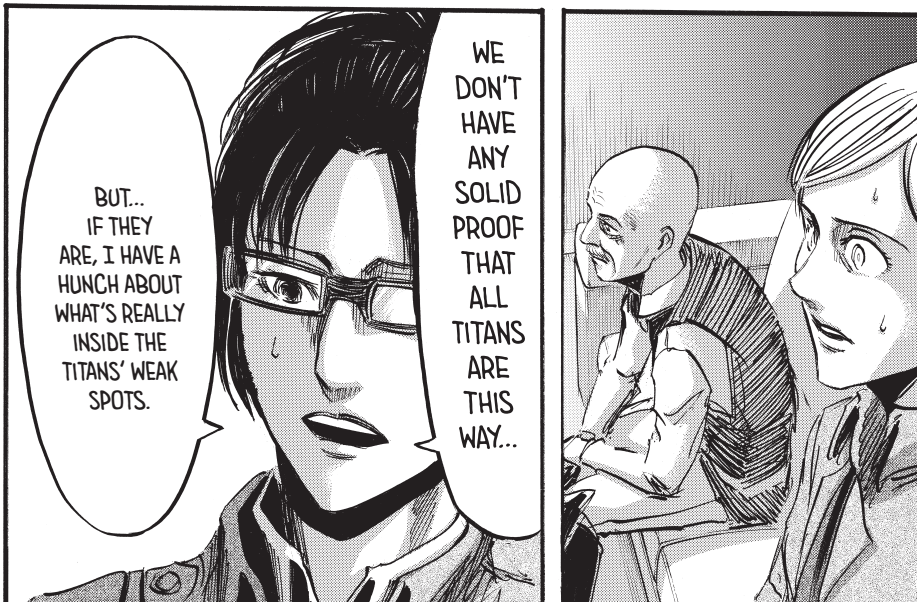
THANKS. YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK.

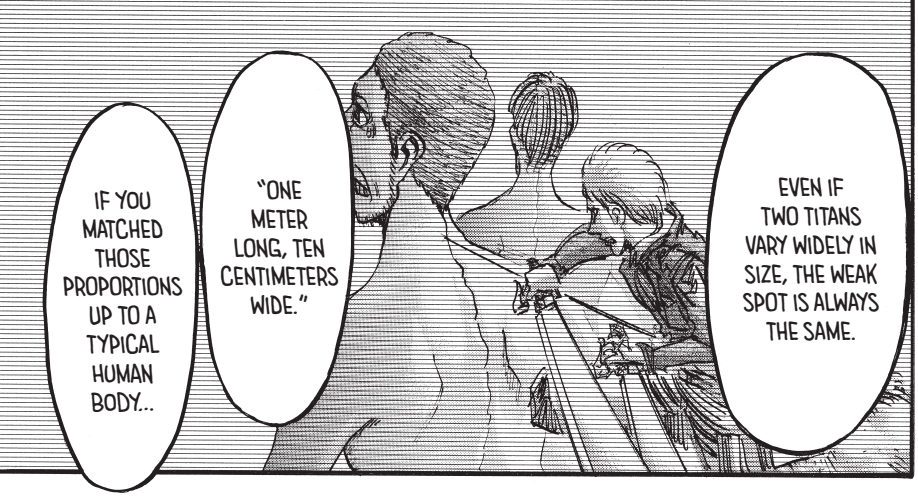

...AND MY MOM.


...WHO DID THIS TO US...
IF I FIND OUT...
WHO DID THIS...?

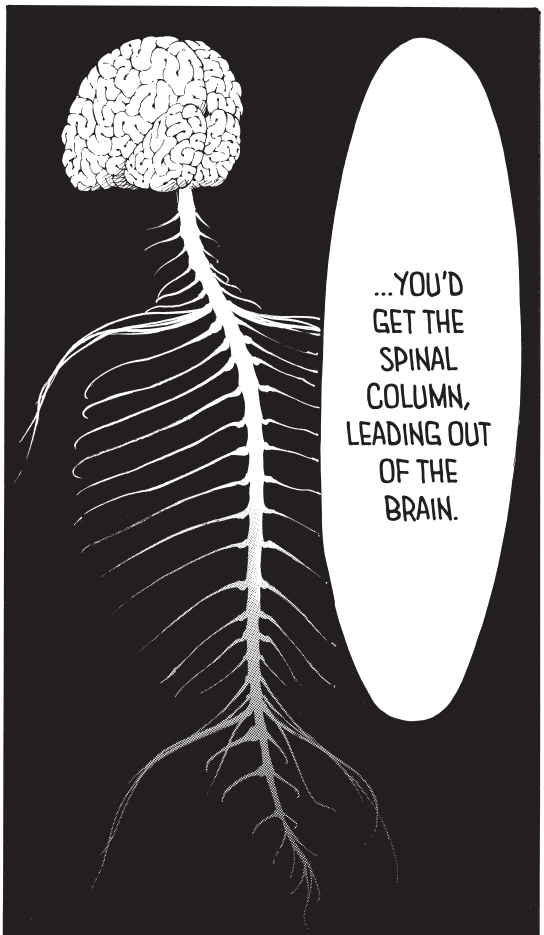
I WON'T ...
...LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.
...THIS IS JUST...
... INCREDI-BLE.

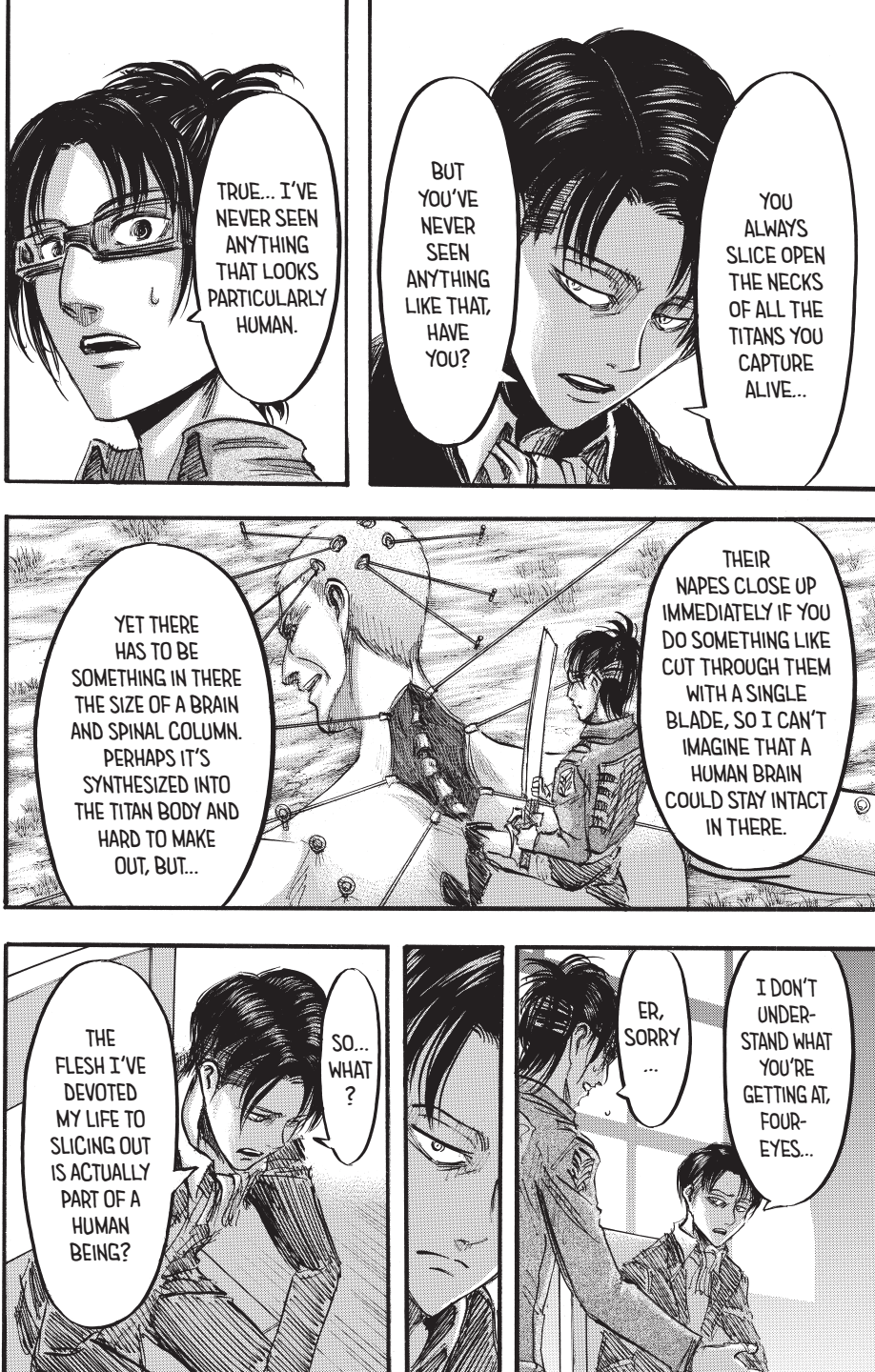
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE TITANS...
...ARE ACTUALLY HUMANS ?


WE DON'T HAVE ANY SOLID PROOF THAT ALL TITANS ARE THIS WAY...
BUT... IF THEY ARE, I HAVE A HUNCH ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY INSIDE THE TITANS' WEAK SPOTS.

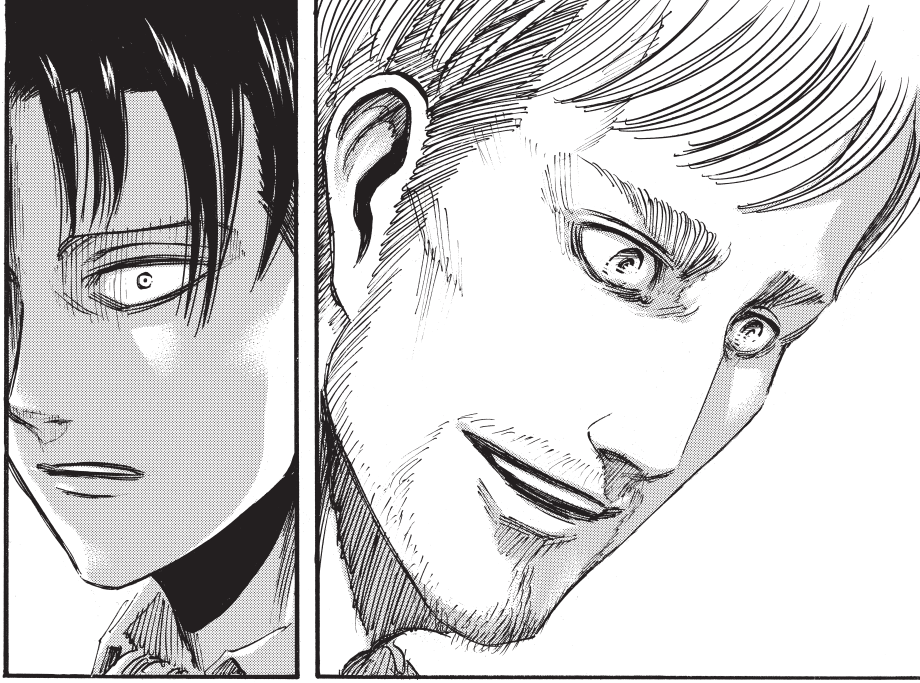

IF YOU MATCHED THOSE PROPORTIONS UP TO A TYPICAL HUMAN BODY...
"ONE METER LONG, TEN CENTIMETERS WIDE."
EVEN IF TWO TITANS VARY WIDELY IN SIZE, THE WEAK SPOT IS ALWAYS THE SAME.

A TITAN CAN'T REGENERATE AND CEASES TO FUNCTION IF YOU CUT THIS AREA...
...PROBABLY BECAUSE THESE ORGANS ARE INDEPENDENT FROM THE REST OF THE TITAN'S BODY.

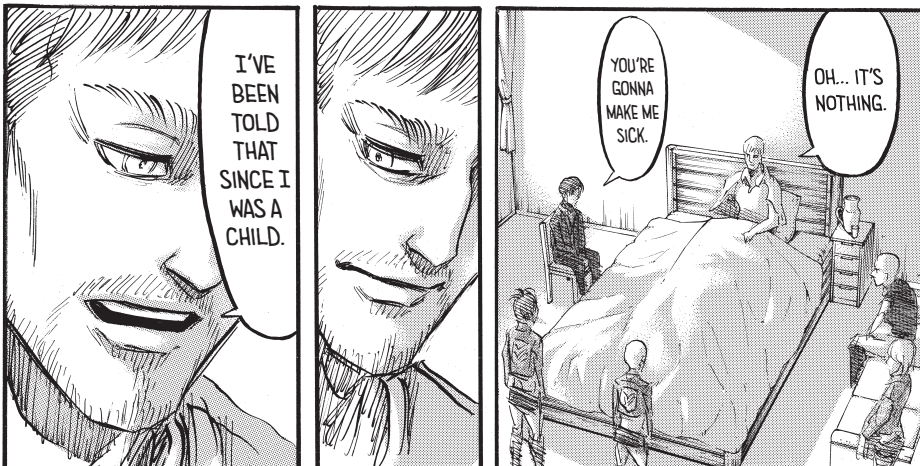

...YOU'D GET THE SPINAL COLUMN, LEADING OUT OF THE BRAIN.


TRUE... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT LOOKS PARTICULARLY HUMAN.
BUT YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT, HAVE YOU?
YOU ALWAYS SLICE OPEN THE NECKS OF ALL THE TITANS YOU CAPTURE ALIVE...
YET THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING IN THERE THE SIZE OF A BRAIN AND SPINAL COLUMN. PERHAPS IT'S SYNTHESIZED INTO THE TITAN BODY AND HARD TO MAKE OUT, BUT...
THEIR NAPES CLOSE UP IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE CUT THROUGH THEM WITH A SINGLE BLADE, SO I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT A HUMAN BRAIN COULD STAY INTACT IN THERE.
THE FLESH I'VE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO SLICING OUT IS ACTUALLY PART OF A HUMAN BEING?
SO... WHAT?
ER, SORRY ...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT, FOUR-EYES...

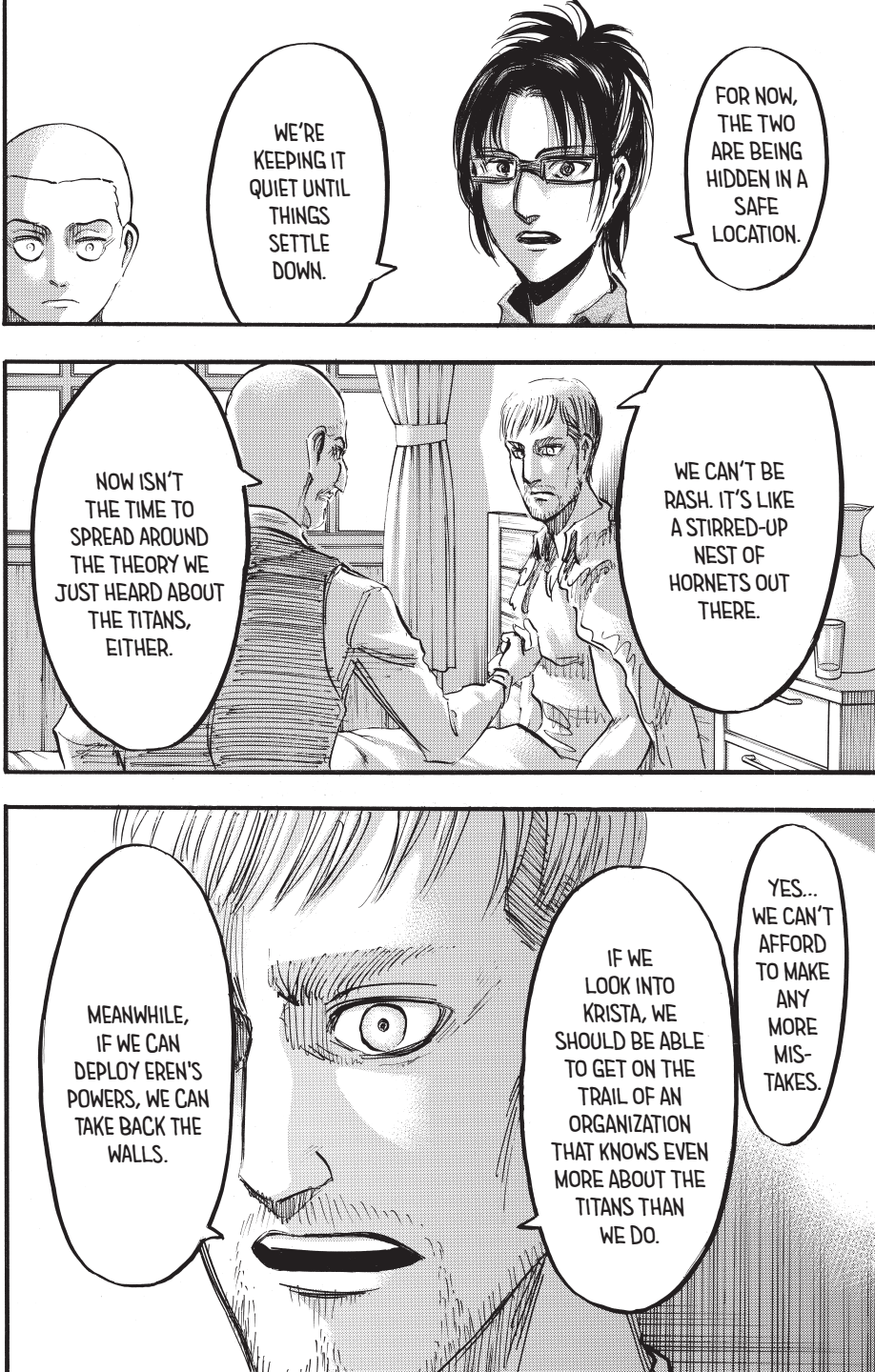
I'VE BEEN FLYING AROUND KILLING HUMANS THIS WHOLE TIME? ...IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
...
I TOLD YOU THERE'S NO SOLID PROOF.
BUT IF IT IS TRUE... I WONDER.
COULD THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REGULAR TITANS AND TITANS LIKE EREN...
...BE THAT THEIR BODIES AREN'T COMPLETELY ABSORBED ...?
HEY...
ERWIN.
...
ERWI-



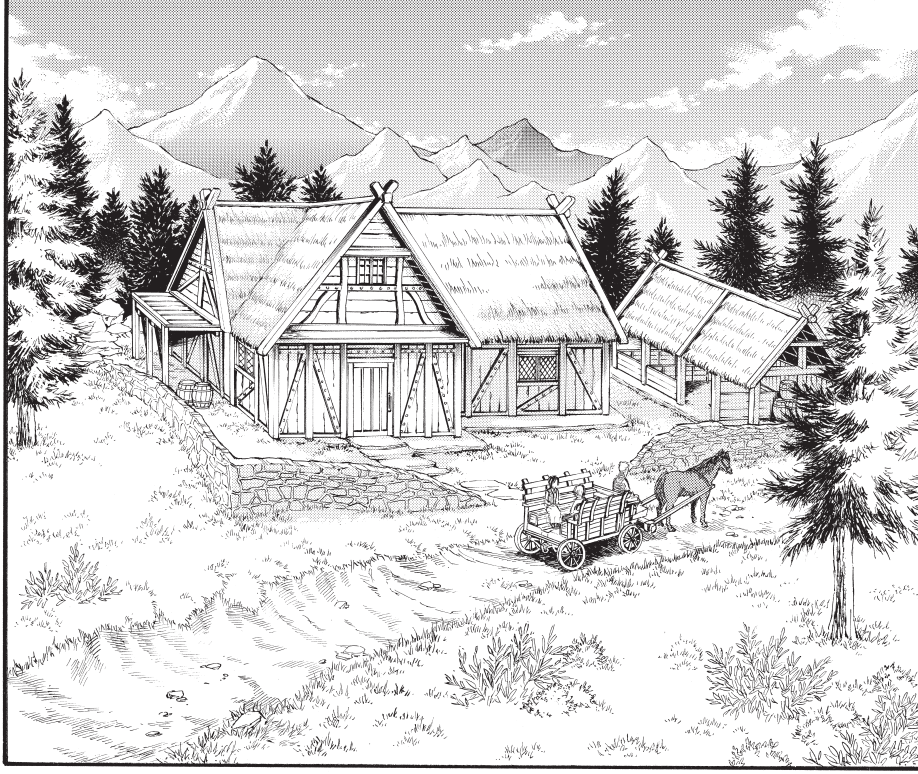
...
...THE HELL ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?

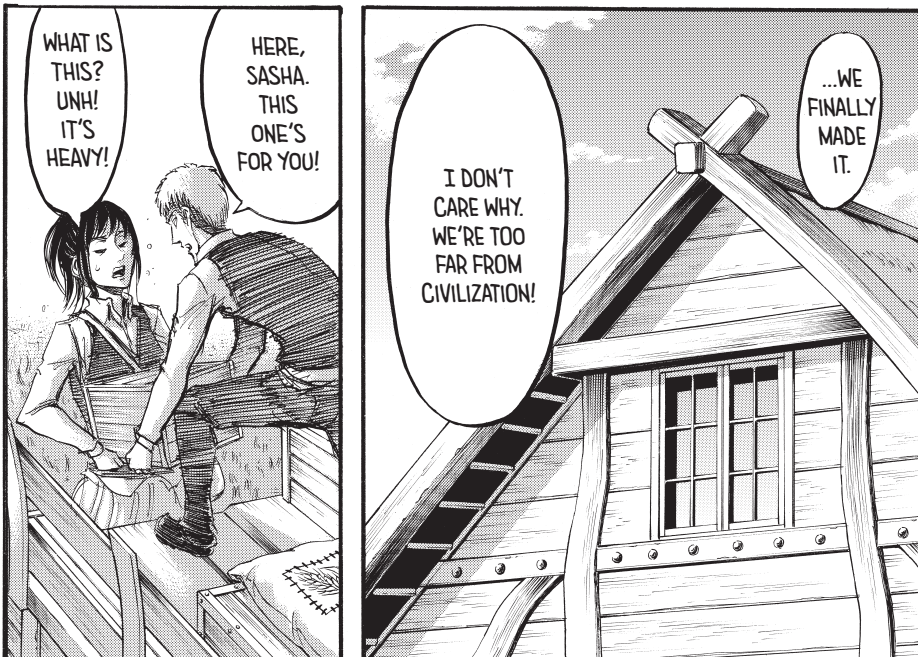

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SINCE I WAS A CHILD.
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME SICK.
OH... IT'S NOTHING.

HUH?
...?
IS THAT THE REAL REASON YOU'RE IN THE SURVEY CORPS?
YOU ARE PITI-FUL.
WELL...
MY ARM WAS EATEN. I'M PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED. DON'T YOU HAVE SOME PITY FOR ME?
EASE OFF, LEVI.
AH... WE'VE MADE PROGRESS THERE, TOO.
BY THE WAY... WHERE ARE EREN AND HISTORIA REISS RIGHT NOW?


FOR NOW, THE TWO ARE BEING HIDDEN IN A SAFE LOCATION.
WE'RE KEEPING IT QUIET UNTIL THINGS SETTLE DOWN.
WE CAN'T BE RASH. IT'S LIKE A STIRRED-UP NEST OF HORNETS OUT THERE.
NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO SPREAD AROUND THE THEORY WE JUST HEARD ABOUT THE TITANS, EITHER.
YES... WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE ANY MORE MIS-TAKES.
IF WE LOOK INTO KRISTA, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ON THE TRAIL OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT KNOWS EVEN MORE ABOUT THE TITANS THAN WE DO.
MEANWHILE, IF WE CAN DEPLOY EREN'S POWERS, WE CAN TAKE BACK THE WALLS.

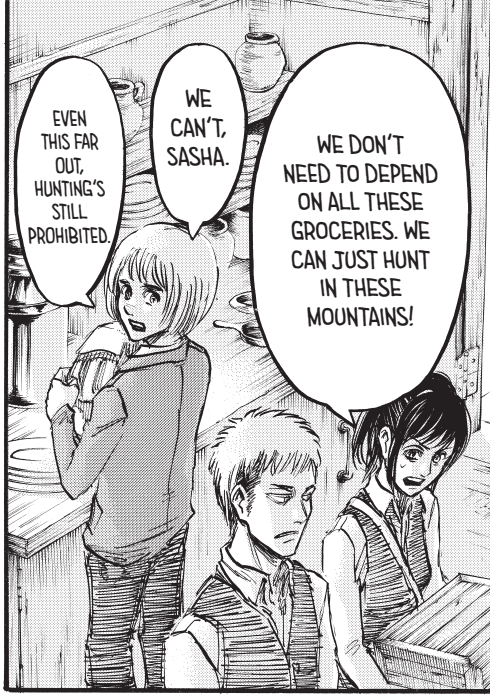
WHERE ARE THEY?
THOSE TWO ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS RIGHT NOW.
YOUR ARM WAS EATEN AND YOU'RE PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY EXHAUSTED. I FELT BAD FOR YOU, SO I WENT AHEAD AND MADE SOME DECISIONS.
THAT INCLUDES THE NEW MEMBERS OF MY SQUAD.
WHAT EREN NEEDS ...
...IS TO BE PUSHED INTO TOTAL DESPERATION.




...WE FINALLY MADE IT.
I DON'T CARE WHY. WE'RE TOO FAR FROM CIVILIZATION!
HERE, SASHA. THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!
WHAT IS THIS? UNH! IT'S HEAVY!

IF WE LOSE THESE FOOD SUPPLIES, WE'RE GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH.
STILL, EVERY-THING HAS BECOME SO EXPEN-SIVE.
DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE ANYONE ELSE IN THE 104TH COULD REMIND YOU.
IT'S FULL OF POTATOES. THEY'RE YOUR BUDDIES, RIGHT?
WHAT... COULD YOU BE TALKING ABOUT? I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT.
DID I JUST HEAR YOU SAY SOMETHING ELSE?
HUH ...?
PROB-ABLY.
ULP... I WOULDN'T.
CAPTAIN LEVI WILL SLICE YOU INTO NICE, BITE-SIZED PIECES.
THAT'S RIGHT, SASHA. JUST TRY TO SNEAK SOME FOOD OUT.

O-OKAY, I UNDER-STAND... I WON'T...
IF PEOPLE FIND US AND START TALKING, WHAT'S THE POINT OF HIDING OUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?


EVEN THIS FAR OUT, HUNTING'S STILL PROHIBITED.
WE CAN'T, SASHA.
WE DON'T NEED TO DEPEND ON ALL THESE GROCERIES. WE CAN JUST HUNT IN THESE MOUNTAINS!

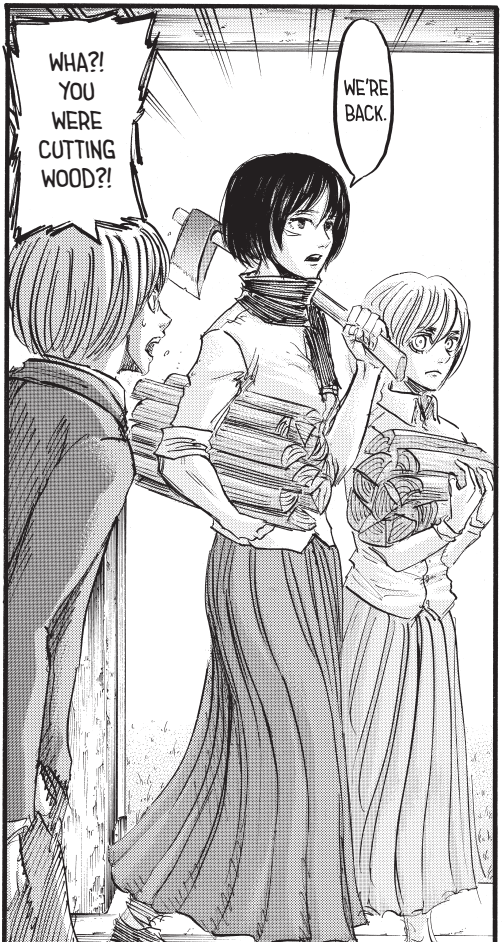
OF COURSE WE DIDN'T. JUST LOOK AT ALL THIS STUFF WE'RE CARRYING. IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS WE COULDN'T.
... WHAT?
DID YOU BRUSH OFF ALL THE DIRT AND DUST ON YOU BEFORE COMING IN HERE?

GUYS ...
I HEARD THAT, POTATO GIRL!
PROBABLY

...DO YOU STILL NOT GET IT? DO YOU THINK CAPTAIN LEVI WILL BE SATISFIED WITH SOLDIERS WHO ACT LIKE THAT?
THIS MORNING, TOO! IF I HADN'T MADE YOUR BED, THEN—
SHUT UP!!
ARE YOU MY MOM OR SOME-THING?!

I DON'T WANT TO GO SOFT.
YOU'RE NOT A WILD ANIMAL! YOU SHOULDN'T BE MOVING YET!
I TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT SHE WOULDN'T LISTEN. SAYS SHE'S ALREADY HEALED.
IN FACT, SHE WAS DOING SIT-UPS.

YOU WERE PEEP-ING ON HER?!
WHA?!
...YOU KNOW...


WE'RE BACK.
WHA?! YOU WERE CUTTING WOOD?!

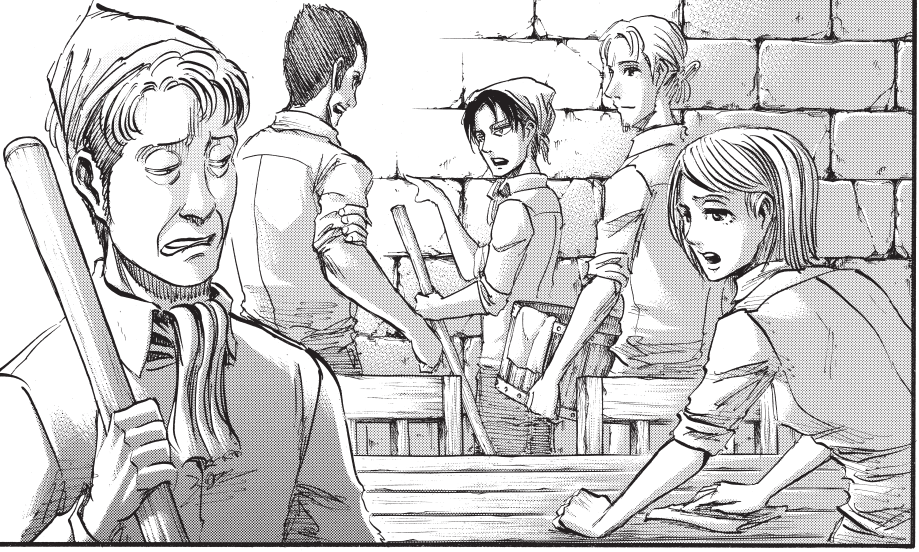
I KNOW WE LOST A LOT OF SEASONED SOLDIERS...
PROTECTING EREN AND HISTORIA IS A MAJOR ASSIGNMENT.
...BUT THERE HAVE TO BE UNITS MORE EXPERIENCED AND TALENTED THAN US AVAILABLE ...

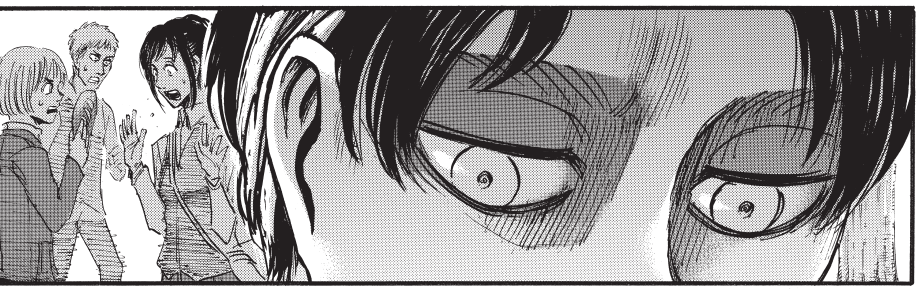
YEAH, BUT...
IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE WE'RE RE-CRUITS AGAIN.

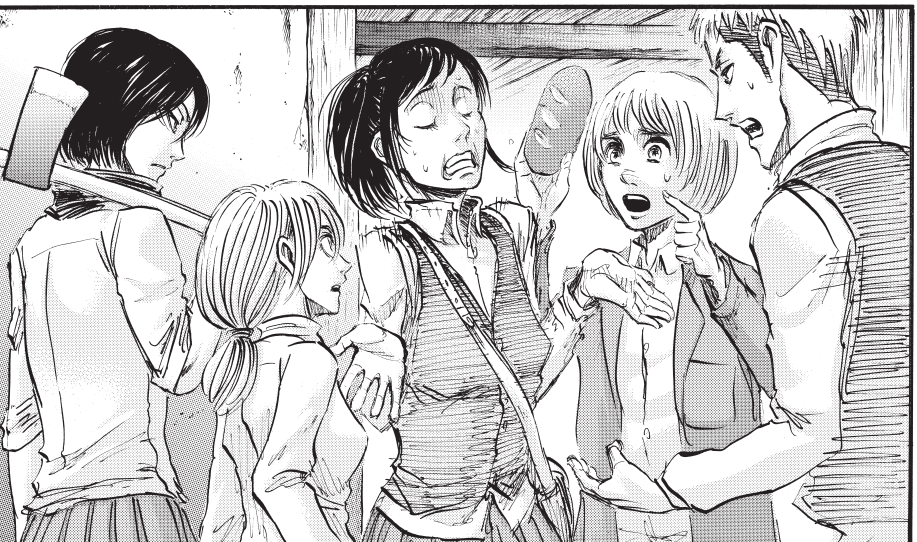
DEFI-NITELY NOT A PIECE OF BREAD.
SASHA, WHAT DID YOU JUST PUT IN YOUR BAG?
HM?

WE'VE GOT TO FINISH CLEANING BEFORE THE CAPTAIN AND CONNIE COME BACK.

BECAUSE WE REALLY ARE THAT GREAT.
WHY WERE WE CHOSEN FOR SQUAD LEVI...?







ATTACK
ON TITAN

YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME...
...
スウ SWEEP
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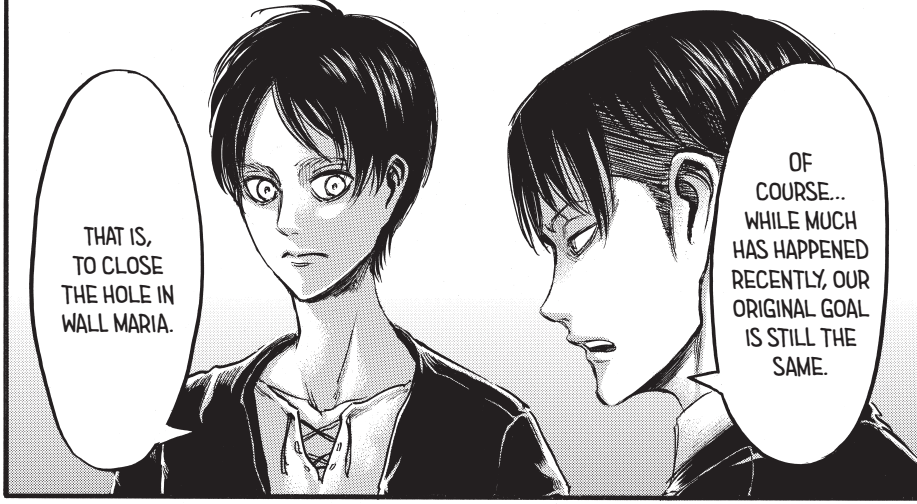
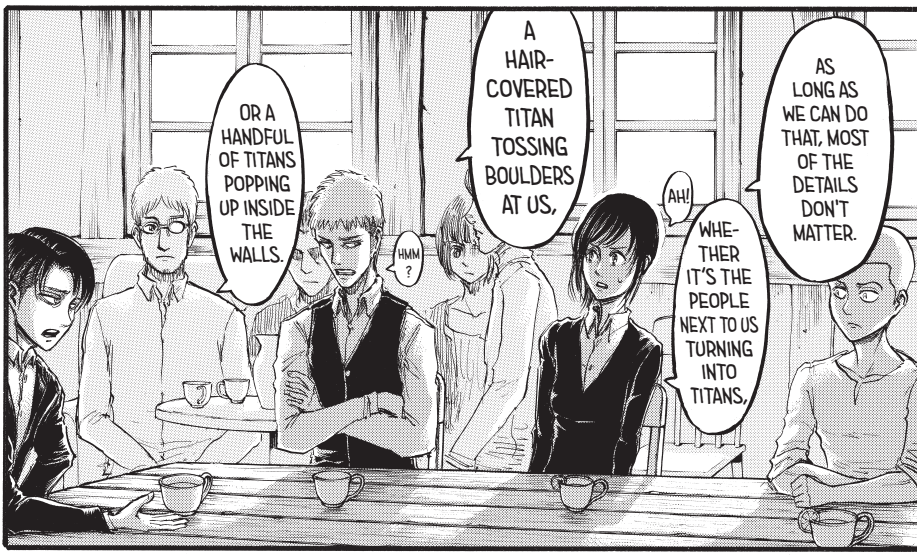
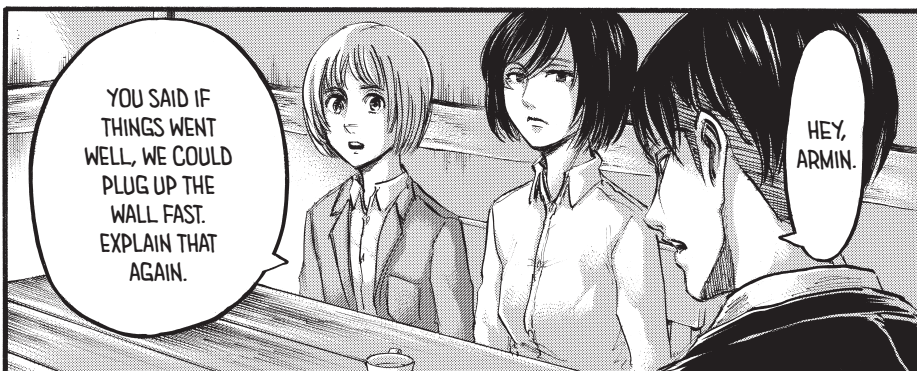
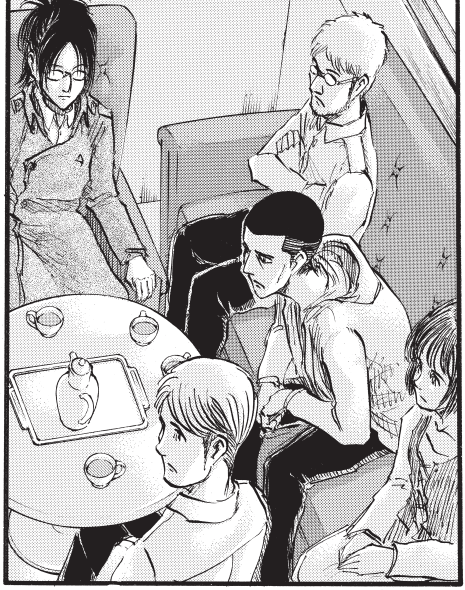
RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GET ORGANIZED AND PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE.
WELL... NEVER MIND THAT. WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOUR LAX CLEANING JOB LATER.

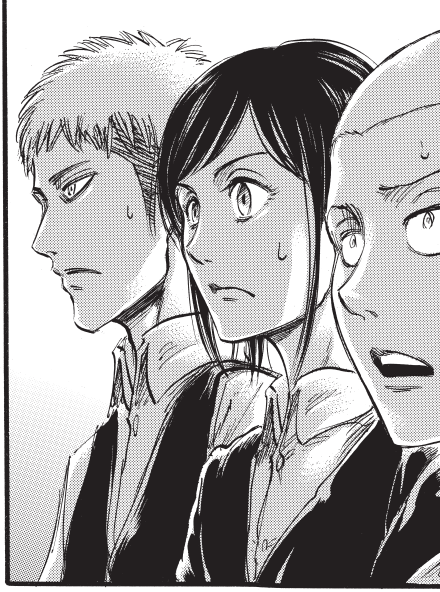

OF COURSE... WHILE MUCH HAS HAPPENED RECENTLY, OUR ORIGINAL GOAL IS STILL THE SAME.
THAT IS, TO CLOSE THE HOLE IN WALL MARIA.


AS LONG AS WE CAN DO THAT, MOST OF THE DETAILS DON'T MATTER.
AH!
WHE-THER IT'S THE PEOPLE NEXT TO US TURNING INTO TITANS,
A HAIR-COVERED TITAN TOSSING BOULDERS AT US,
HMM ?
OR A HANDFUL OF TITANS POPPING UP INSIDE THE WALLS.

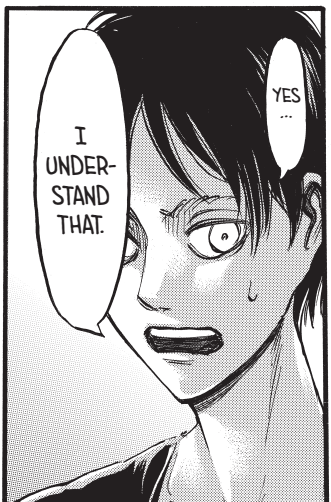

HEY, ARMIN.
YOU SAID IF THINGS WENT WELL, WE COULD PLUG UP THE WALL FAST. EXPLAIN THAT AGAIN.

YES, SIR... MY IDEA WAS TO HAVE EREN TRANSFORM INTO A TITAN, THEN USE HIS ABILITIES TO SEAL THE WALL.
THE WALLS... SEEM TO BE MADE OUT OF HARDENED TITAN BODIES. SO IF HE CAN CREATE ENOUGH MATTER ON THE SPOT TO PLUG THE HOLE...
THEN...
IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE, OF COURSE...
THERE'D BE NO NEED FOR WAGONS TO CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL, LIKE IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN.
WE COULD ALSO CHOOSE A CLOUDY NIGHT, WHEN THE TITANS WOULD BE LESS ACTIVE, TO HEAD TO THE WALL.
IF IT'S JUST US ON HORSES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THE ROAD FROM TROST DISTRICT TO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT IN ONE NIGHT.
UNDER THESE IDEAL CONDI-TIONS...
...THE MISSION TO RECAPTURE WALL MARIA WOULD TAKE...
...LESS THAN 24 HOURS.





IT DOES SOUND LIKE A PIE IN THE SKY DREAM.
BUT NOW THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IT AGAIN,


I UNDER-STAND THAT.
YES…

…
…CAN BE MADE REAL DEPENDS ON THIS GUY.
WHE-THER THAT DREAM…

AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE.
YES... OF COURSE. IT'S MY DUTY...
AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHOOSES WHERE OUR EXPERIMENT WILL TAKE PLACE.
HEAR THAT, HANGE? HE'S FOR IT.
THIS SITUATION WILL ONLY COMPOUND THE CHAOS IN THE CITIES.
PATROLS IN THE WALLED CITIES HAVE BECOME SO INFREQUENT, THEY CAN'T EVEN MAINTAIN ORDER.
THAT REQUIRES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF LABOR AND MANPOWER...
THE GARRISON IS FULLY MOBILIZED AND PATROLLING THE WALL
HM?
I'M EVEN MORE CONVINCED THAN BEFORE.
WE HAVE TO RECAPTURE WALL MARIA...

I WANT THIS TO BE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE WITHOUT FIGHTING EACH OTHER.
I WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AGAIN SOON...

THIS TIME, WE'LL EXPERIMENT WITHOUT FEAR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIS HARDENING ABILITY, AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
I WANT TO TEST OUT EREN'S POWERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT'S WHY...

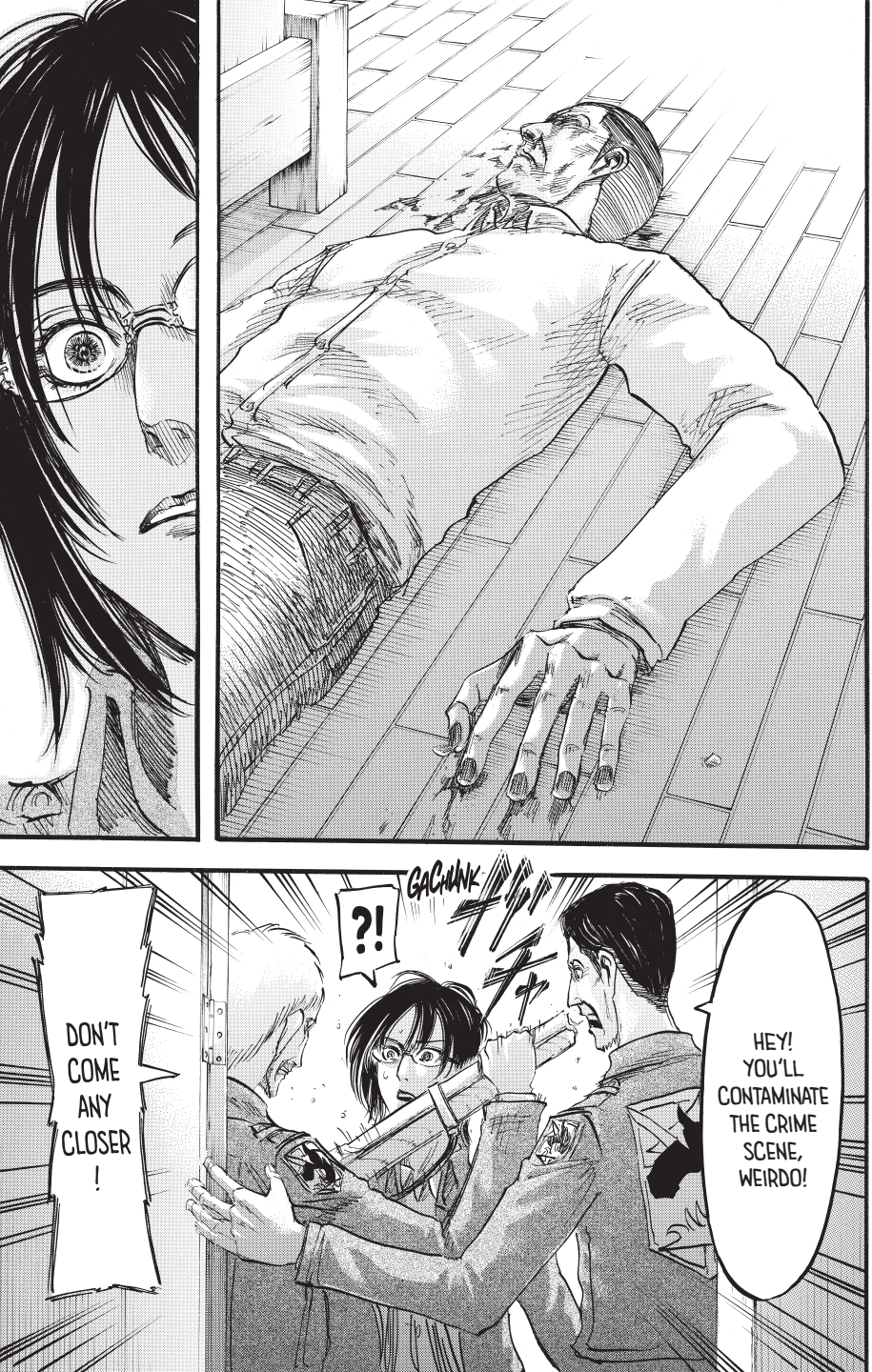
IF EREN CAN REALLY DO THAT, IT COULD VERY WELL TURN OUR SITUATION COMPLETELY AROUND!
THE IDEA... THAT HE MAY HAVE MANIPULATED THE TITANS... IS AN AMAZING POSSIBILITY.

THAT'S WHY ...!
WE CAN'T SIT AROUND AND WASTE TIME!
WE HAVE TO HURRY...
...AND TAKE ACTION! BUT...
I STILL WANT EREN TO LAY LOW FOR THE TIME BEING.
WHAT ?
BUT... WHY?

THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE EVEN MORE COMPLICATED THAN WE THOUGHT.
I MEAN…
YOU'VE STILL GOT THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.
…YOU'VE BEEN ON EDGE, LIKE YOU'RE HOLDING IN A SHIT.
HUH… FROM THE MOMENT YOU CAME HERE, IT LOOKED LIKE…
MINIS-TER NICK IS DEAD.
TELL ME, HANGE.
SO WHY DO YOU NEED TO KEEP IT INSIDE?
?
WHA…
HUH?

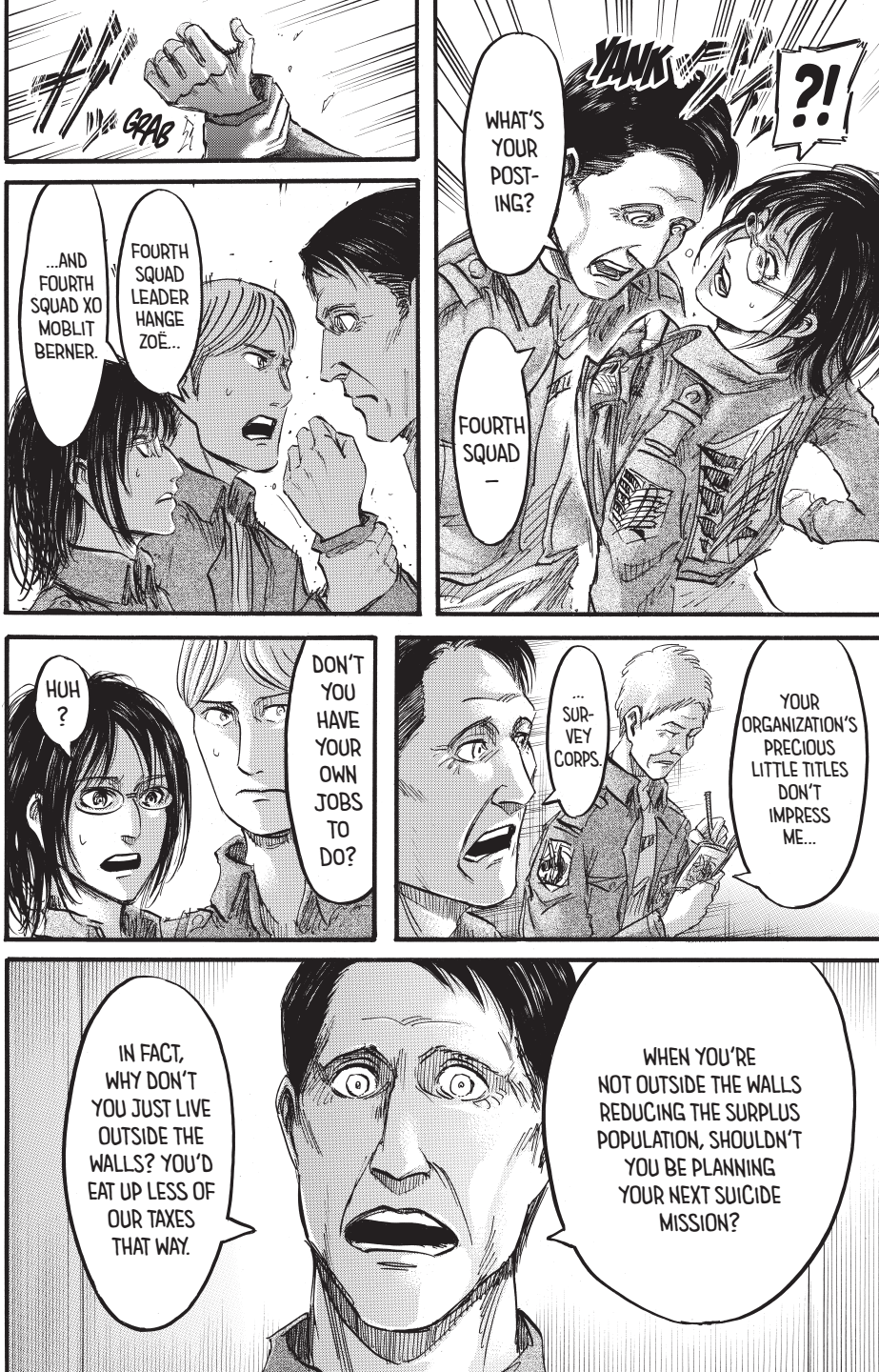
...INSIDE THE TROST DISTRICT BARRACKS.
MINISTER NICK WAS FOUND DEAD THIS MORNING...
I DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OF DEATH...
...BUT I KNOW HE WAS MURDERED.

FOUND DEAD? HOW?!
HOW DID THEY FIND THIS LOCATION?!
WE DON'T KNOW YET.
MPS ARE INVESTIGATING RIGHT NOW.
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
HEY!
NICK!!

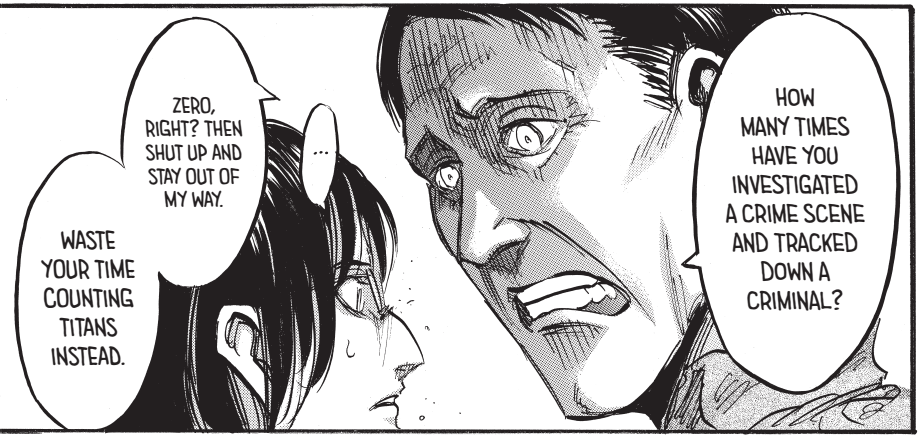

GACHUNK
?!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
HEY! YOU'LL CONTAMINATE THE CRIME SCENE, WEIRDO!

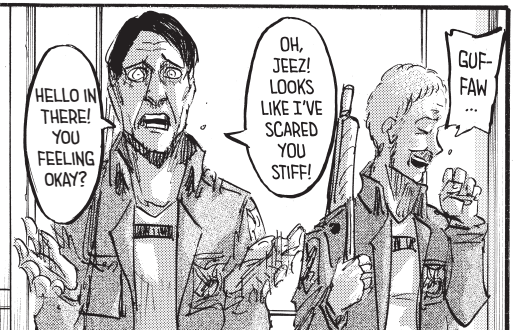
NO.
LET ME IN! HE WAS MY FRIEND!
SHIN
KEEEEK
THIS IS **OUR** JOB.
THIS WAS A ROBBERY-MURDER. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE RECENTLY SEEN A LOT OF THESE KINDS OF CASES.
HIS BELONG-INGS WERE STOLEN.

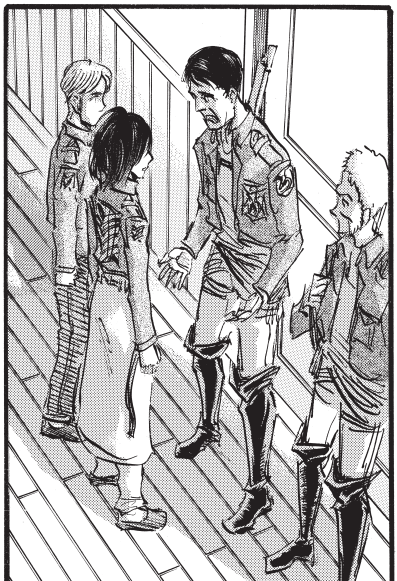
THERE'S NO WAY...
...
WHY WOULD A ROBBER BOTHER TO BREAK INTO A MILITARY BARRACKS ?!
... WHAT'S THAT ?
DID YOU LOOK AT HIS FINGERS ?!
WHY WERE HIS NAILS TORN OFF ?!
HIS FACE LOOKED LIKE IT HAD BEEN BEATEN REPEAT-EDLY!
WHAT WAS THE METHOD OF ENTRY ?!
AND WHAT ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH?! AND THE MURDER WEAPON?!


GRAB
YANK
?!
WHAT'S YOUR POSTING?
FOURTH SQUAD—
FOURTH SQUAD LEADER HANGE ZOË...
...AND FOURTH SQUAD XO MOBLIT BERNER.
DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN JOBS TO DO?
HUH?
YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PRECIOUS LITTLE TITLES DON'T IMPRESS ME...
...SURVEY CORPS.
WHEN YOU'RE NOT OUTSIDE THE WALLS REDUCING THE SURPLUS POPULATION, SHOULDN'T YOU BE PLANNING YOUR NEXT SUICIDE MISSION?
IN FACT, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LIVE OUTSIDE THE WALLS? YOU'D EAT UP LESS OF OUR TAXES THAT WAY.

PFFT...
YOU GET ME?
A TITAN DIDN'T KILL THIS HUMAN.
ANOTHER HUMAN DID.
WE'VE BEEN WORKING SCENES LIKE THIS FOR DECADES.

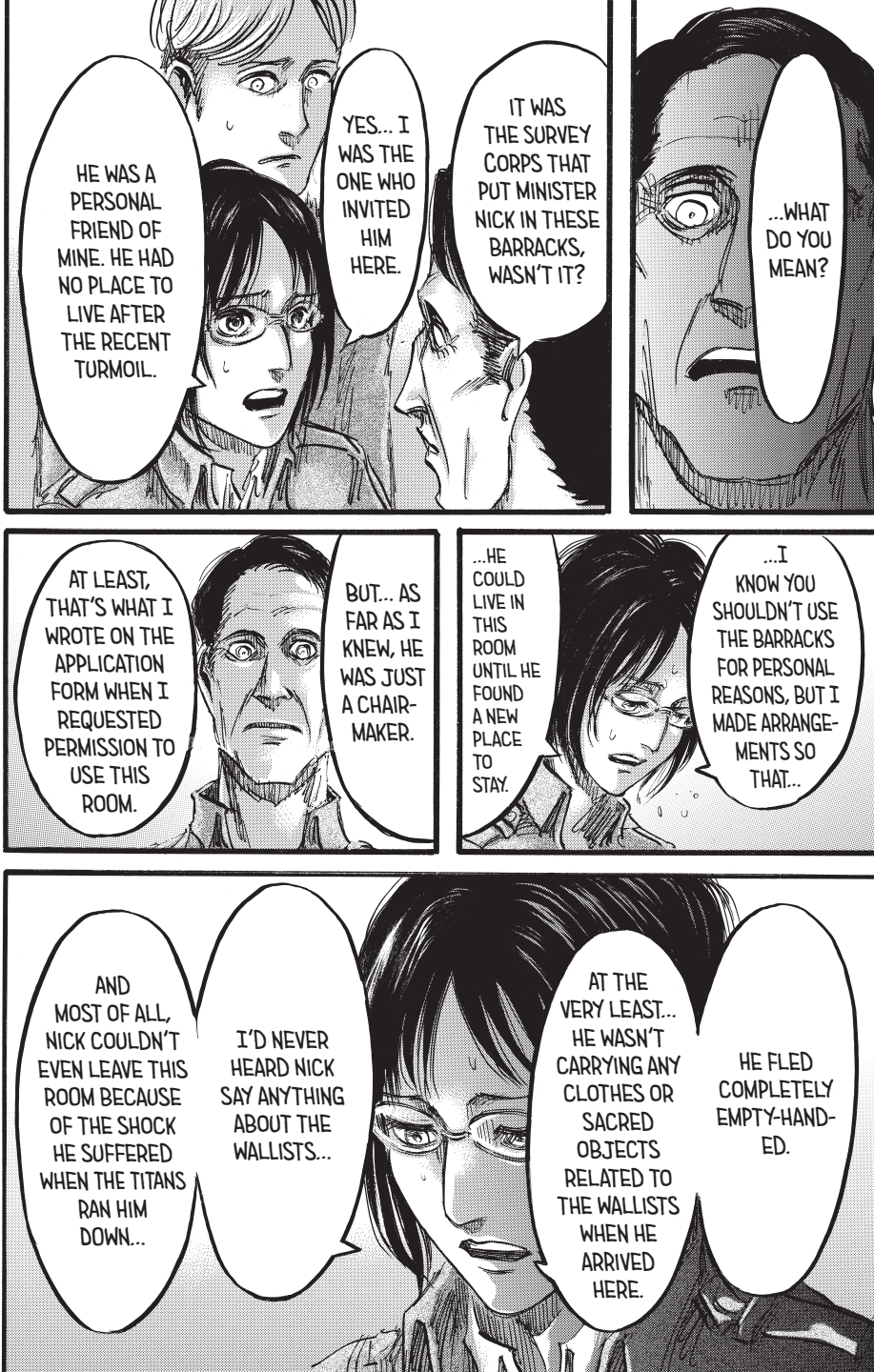

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU INVESTIGATED A CRIME SCENE AND TRACKED DOWN A CRIMINAL?
...
ZERO, RIGHT? THEN SHUT UP AND STAY OUT OF MY WAY.
WASTE YOUR TIME COUNTING TITANS INSTEAD.


GUF-FAW ...
OH, JEEZ! LOOKS LIKE I'VE SCARED YOU STIFF!
HELLO IN THERE! YOU FEELING OKAY?



MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD ...?
WHY WOULD MPS FROM THE ROYAL CAPITAL COME ALL THE WAY SOUTH TO TROST DISTRICT?
I THOUGHT THESE TWO LOOKED STRANGELY OLD...
SO THEY'RE NOT THE LOCAL MPS...
...DOES THAT SEEM STRANGE TO YOU? AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WHEN WE'RE SHORT ON SOLDIERS AND PUBLIC ORDER IS DETERIORATING? FRONT-LINE TOWNS LIKE THIS ONE NEED GOOD MEN MOST.
UNLIKE YOU WASHOUTS, ANY SOLDIER WORTH A DAMN IS BUSY RIGHT NOW!

PLEASE, LET ME SHAKE YOUR HAND!
BUT MEETING AN IMPORTANT SOLDIER LIKE YOU SHOCKED ME!
GRASP
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M JUST A USELESS GRUNT...
OKAY! SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!
OH!
HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING WORTH STEALING, THOUGH...
I SEE... SO IT WAS A ROBBERY... POOR NICK. HE MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED...
HMPH...
WHAT?!
THE WALLISTS MAKE THEIR HOLY OBJECTS OUT OF IRON. EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE WORTH A LOT.
IT'S NOT THAT STRANGE IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE VICTIM'S SOCIAL STATUS.
...SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CHURCH OF THE WALLS?
NICK HAD...


...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT WAS THE SURVEY CORPS THAT PUT MINISTER NICK IN THESE BARRACKS, WASN'T IT?
YES... I WAS THE ONE WHO INVITED HIM HERE.
HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE. HE HAD NO PLACE TO LIVE AFTER THE RECENT TURMOIL.
...I KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T USE THE BARRACKS FOR PERSONAL REASONS, BUT I MADE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT...
...HE COULD LIVE IN THIS ROOM UNTIL HE FOUND A NEW PLACE TO STAY.
BUT... AS FAR AS I KNEW, HE WAS JUST A CHAIR-MAKER.
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WROTE ON THE APPLICATION FORM WHEN I REQUESTED PERMISSION TO USE THIS ROOM.
HE FLED COMPLETELY EMPTY-HANDED.
AT THE VERY LEAST... HE WASN'T CARRYING ANY CLOTHES OR SACRED OBJECTS RELATED TO THE WALLISTS WHEN HE ARRIVED HERE.
I'D NEVER HEARD NICK SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE WALLISTS...
AND MOST OF ALL, NICK COULDN'T EVEN LEAVE THIS ROOM BECAUSE OF THE SHOCK HE SUFFERED WHEN THE TITANS RAN HIM DOWN...

WHAT ARE YOU ...
...ANY-THING ABOUT HIM...
NO ONE HERE SHOULD'VE KNOWN...
HEY ...
LET GO ...
... MH !!
I GUESS I JUST DIDN'T KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT NICK.
GRIP
BUT ...
...AND WHEN YOU FIND THE ROBBER ...
IN ANY CASE... GOOD LUCK WITH THE INVESTIGA-TION.
OH, I'M SORRY! I STARTED SQUEEZING WITHOUT REALIZING IT!

GIVE THAT COWARDLY BASTARD A MESSAGE.
YOU MAY HAVE HAD SOME SORT OF JUST CAUSE IN MIND WHEN YOU DID THIS...
...OR MAYBE YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT GUILTY BECAUSE YOU WERE JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS...
...AND PERHAPS THAT MADE YOU THINK THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD'VE DONE.
BUT I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY OF THAT !!
I SWEAR, THE FILTH THAT DID THIS WILL FEEL EVERY BIT OF PAIN THAT THEY INFLICTED ON MY FRIEND AND MORE!
OH, I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM AL-READY !!

EX-CUSE ME!
YOU TELL THE ROBBER THAT !
SQUAD LEADER... DID THEY REALLY ...?
YEAH ...
DJEL SANNES, MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD.
THE SKIN ON HIS FIST HAD BEEN STRIPPED OFF.
NICK WAS TORTURED BY THE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD OF THE MILITARY POLICE...
...THEN KILLED.

I HAD THOUGHT THAT THE CHURCH WOULD TRY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON NICK ONCE THEY LEARNED HE WAS HELPING THE SURVEY CORPS.
THAT'S WHY I HID HIS IDENTITY AND PUT HIM IN THE BARRACKS. BUT...
I NEVER IMAGINED THEY'D USE SOLDIERS TO KILL HIM...
I WAS NAÏVE...
IT'S MY FAULT THAT NICK WAS KILLED.

SSIP
TOR-TURE?
SO THE MPS TORTURED MINISTER NICK...
...TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH HE TOLD US?
PROBABLY... THEY'D WANT TO KNOW IF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REISS FAMILY AND THE CHURCH HAD GOTTEN OUT...
...AND THEY'D WANT TO KNOW WHERE EREN AND HISTORIA ARE.

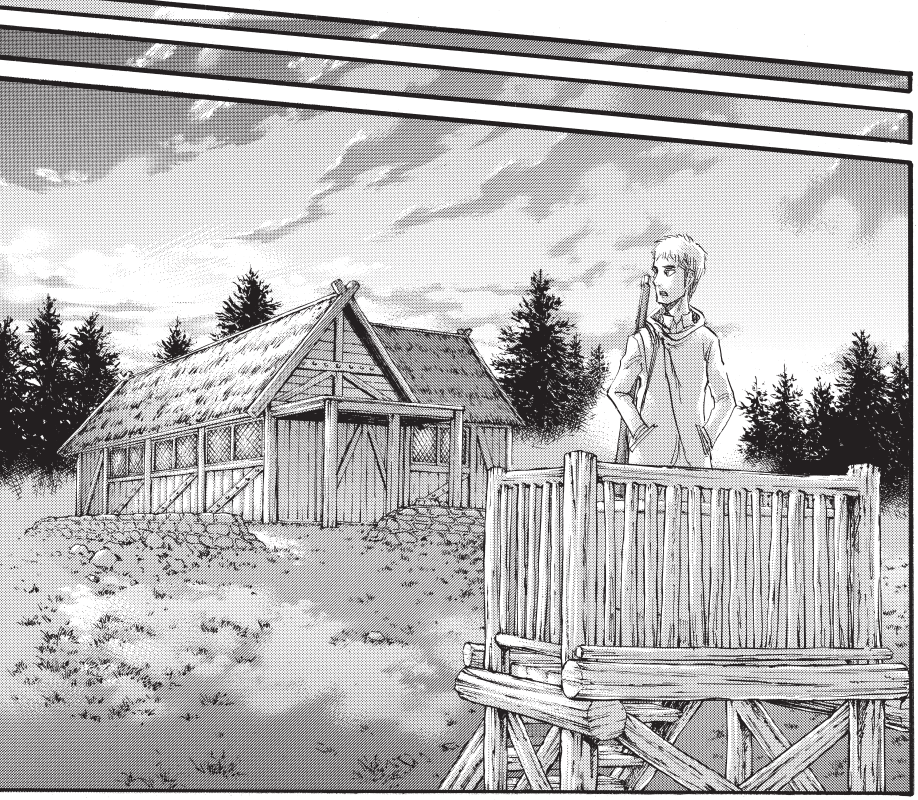
...
OF COURSE, WE HAVE SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH COMMANDER ERWIN, COMMANDER PIXIS, AND THE ENTIRE SURVEY CORPS.
SO NOW THE TABLES HAVE TURNED ON THE INTERIOR MPS. WE'RE WATCHING THEM... SO THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TOO EXTREME.
STILL, IF THEY CHANGE THEIR METHODS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS THEY COULD FIND US... WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS A FRIEND AND WHO IS AN ENEMY RIGHT NOW.
EVEN COMING HERE TODAY, WE SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AND ASSIGNED SHADOWS TO LOOK FOR ANYONE TAILING US.
THOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE THIS LOCATION IS COMPROMISED YET...
AND SO ...
THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO HOLD OFF ON EXPERIMENTING WITH EREN, HANGE?
YEAH ...
FROM THE TIME EREN'S TITAN POWERS WERE REVEALED ...
... SOMEONE FROM THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN TRYING DESPERATELY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON HIM.

BUT... SINCE THE RECENT TURMOIL, THE LEVEL OF PRESSURE HAS CLEARLY CHANGED.
THEY'RE TRAMPLING THROUGH TERRITORY THEY USED TO SEE AS OFF-LIMITS. THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY SPLIT THE MILITARY INTO TWO FACTIONS.
EVERYTHING INSIDE THE WALLS HAS BECOME UNSTABLE, TOO...
IF YOU THINK ABOUT THIS CALMLY, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT "OUTSIDE ENEMIES" LIKE REINER AND BERTOLT HAD ALLIES ON THE INSIDE THE WHOLE TIME.
IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT WE NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ...
...IS BEING FATALLY STABBED IN THE BACK WHILE OUR ATTENTION IS DIVERTED OUTSIDE THE WALLS.
SO?
YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD JUST SIT HERE AND HAVE TEA PARTIES INSTEAD?
THERE'S STILL A LOT WE CAN DO INSIDE... LIKE KNITTING.
... PLEASE. JUST FOR NOW.
"JUST FOR NOW"?
NO. IT'S THE...
... OP-PO-SITE.

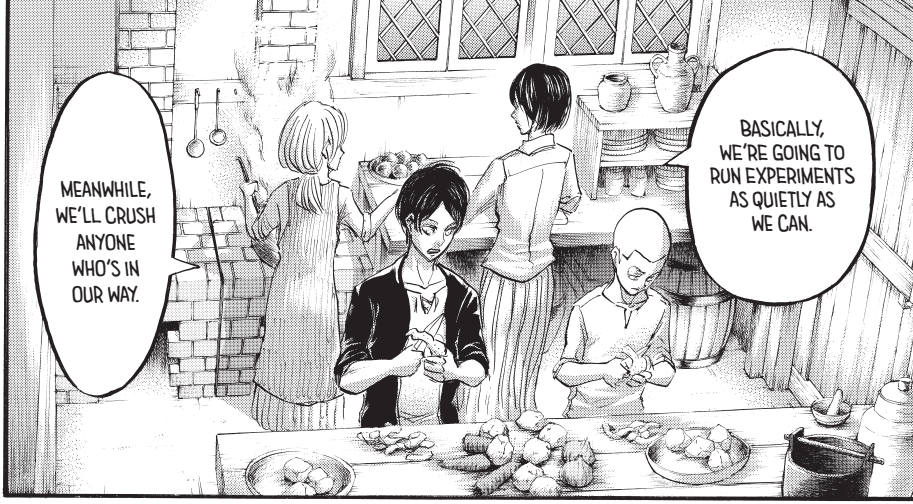
IF WE DO NOTHING BUT RUN, THEN ALL WE CAN DO IS GET CAUGHT.
THEY'LL FIND US HERE EVENTU-ALLY.
DO YOU THINK THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GIVE UP THAT QUICKLY?
... HUH ?
HOW MANY OF NICK'S FINGER-NAILS WERE TORN OFF?
BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR NICK BEING KILLED, AND THAT'S MADE YOU TIMID.
HANGE... YOU'RE NORMALLY CLEAR-HEADED.
AH ...
ALL THE ONES I COULD SEE WERE TORN OFF.
...I ONLY SAW HIM FOR A MOMENT... BUT...
I DON'T KNOW.
HOW MANY ?
YOU SAW HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
...
...IT LOOKS LIKE HE HELD ONTO HIS FAITH TO THE END.
WHILE I DO THINK THAT MINISTER NICK WAS AN IDIOT...
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY OF YOUR NAILS THEY RIP OFF.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TALK, YOU TALK AFTER ONE.

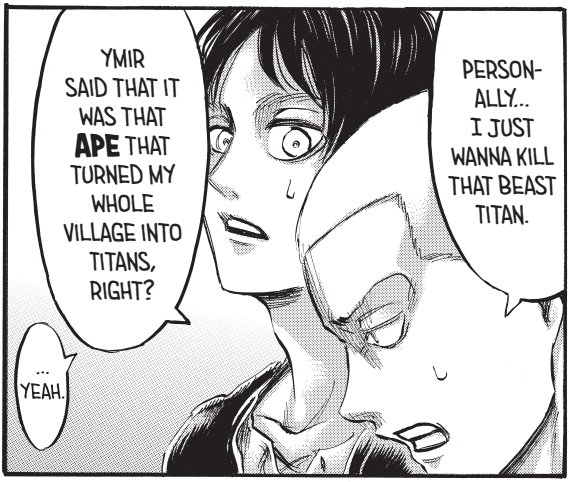
MY...
... GOD ...
IF THERE'S A STRONG CHANCE THAT NICK DIDN'T TALK...
...THEN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OUR "SOMEONE" IN THE INTERIOR HASN'T NOTICED THAT THE SURVEY CORPS IS WATCHING THE REISS FAMILY.
ANYWAY... THE WAY I SEE IT, THERE'S TWO PATHS WE CAN GO DOWN.
WE GO OUTSIDE BEFORE WE'RE STABBED IN THE BACK...
...OR WE EXTERMINATE OUR WOULD-BE KILLERS FIRST.
WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE, HANGE?
...GO BEFORE WE'RE STABBED?

WE'LL DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.
BOTH.
I GUESS THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT ERWIN WOULD SAY...
...HUH.

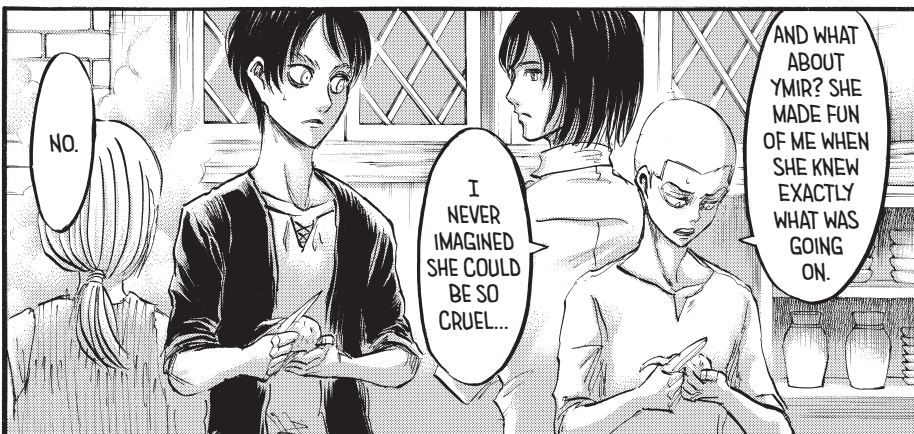


TO BE HONEST... I FEEL LIKE I DON'T UNDER-STAND HALF OF WHAT'S GOING ON.
... WHAT, REALLY?

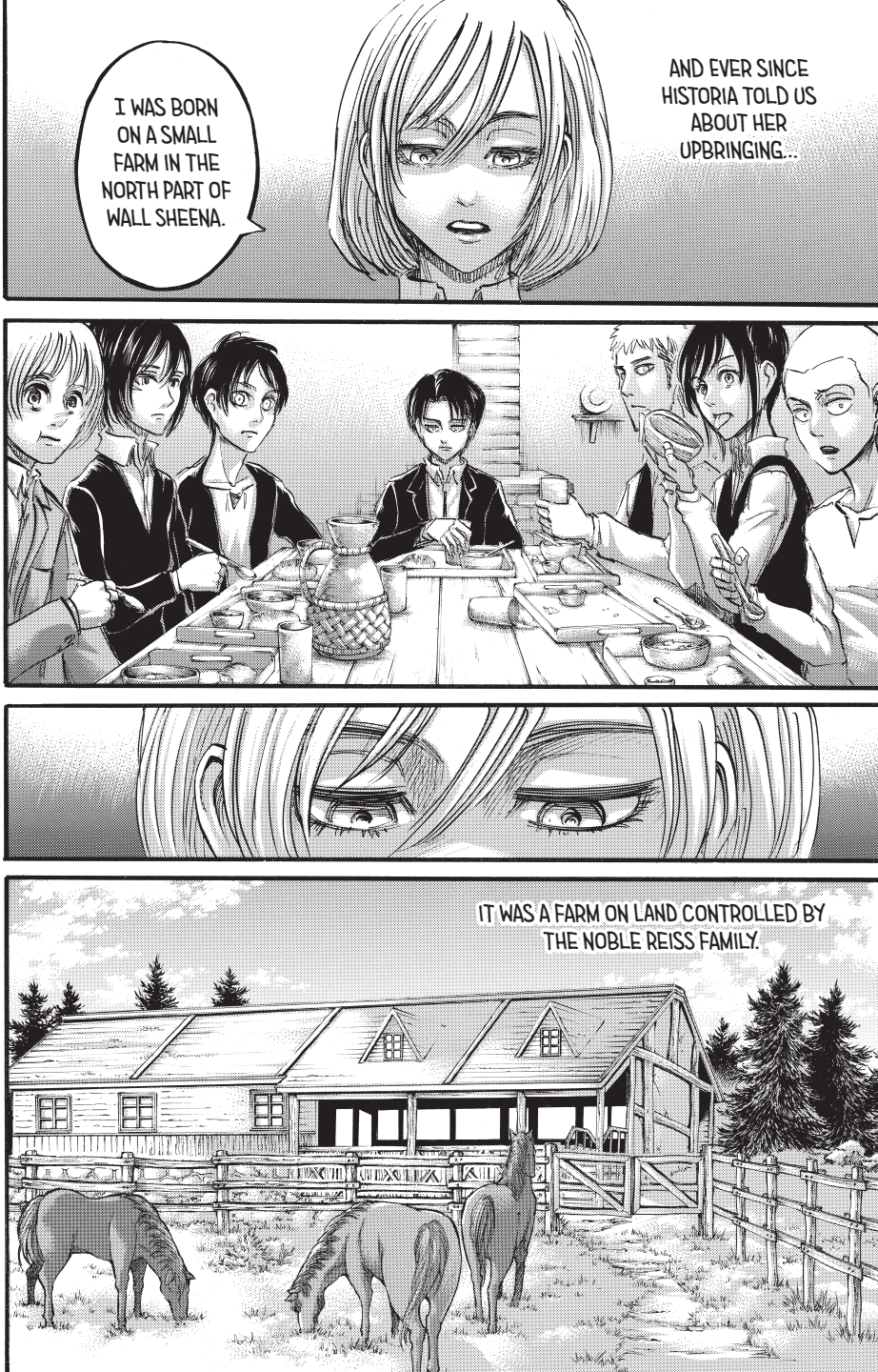

BASICALLY, WE'RE GOING TO RUN EXPERIMENTS AS QUIETLY AS WE CAN.
MEANWHILE, WE'LL CRUSH ANYONE WHO'S IN OUR WAY.

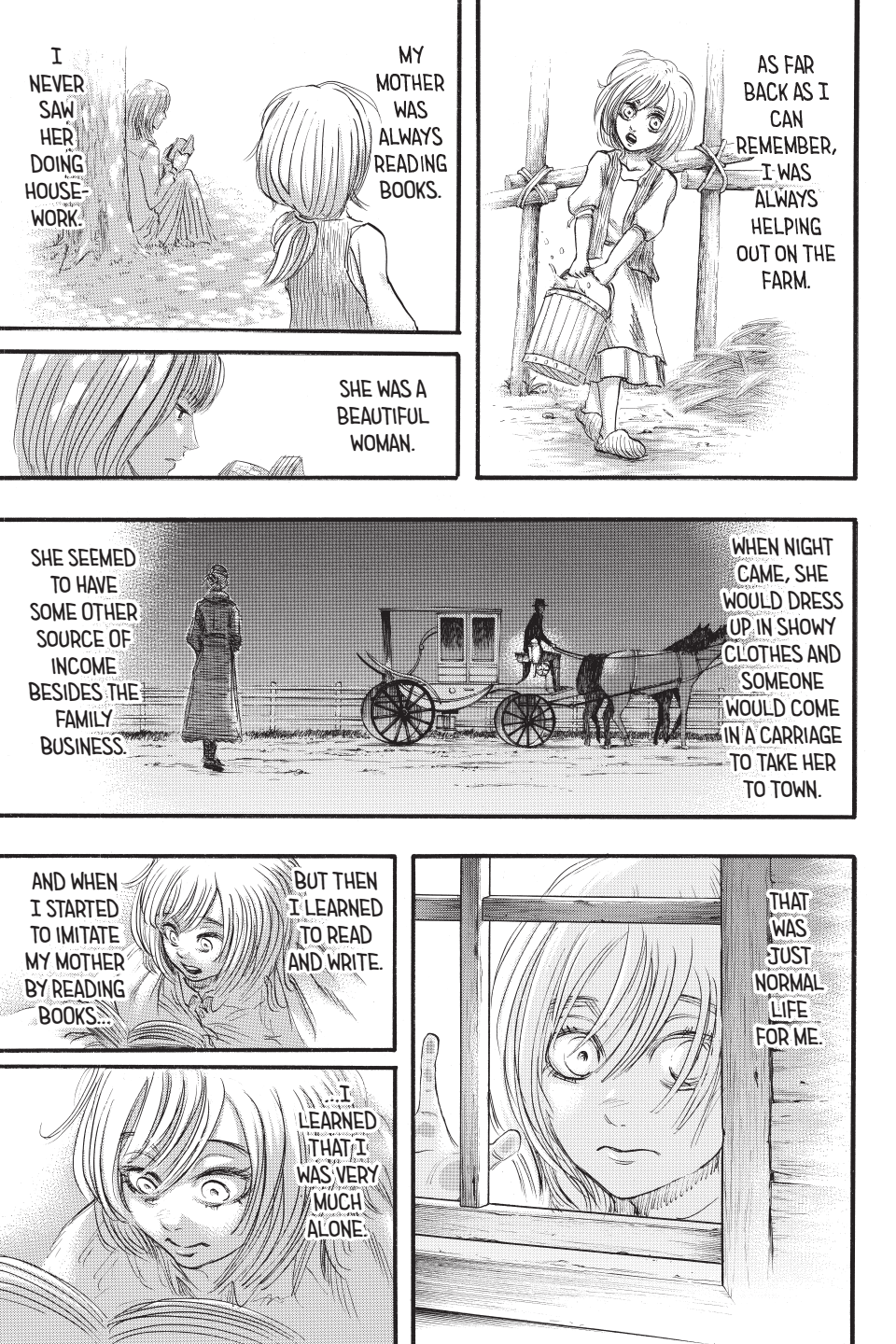

PERSON-ALLY... I JUST WANNA KILL THAT BEAST TITAN.
YMIR SAID THAT IT WAS THAT **APE** THAT TURNED MY WHOLE VILLAGE INTO TITANS, RIGHT?
... YEAH.

IF YOU WANT MORE DETAILS ...WELL ...
...LET'S GET ARMIN TO EX-PLAIN LATER.
YEAH.

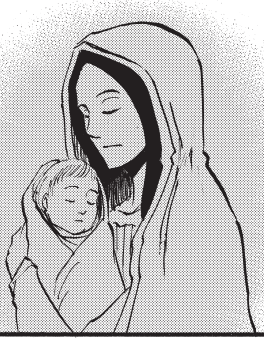

AND WHAT ABOUT YMIR? SHE MADE FUN OF ME WHEN SHE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON.
I NEVER IMAGINED SHE COULD BE SO CRUEL...
NO.

I KNOW HER.
RIGHT?
SHE WOULDN'T DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
HUH?
SHE WAS DOING HER BEST TO DISTRACT YOU.
WHEN YMIR DID THAT, IT WAS BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD HURT YOU IF YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE...
BACK THEN, THE FIRST NIGHT WE SPENT HERE... I GUESS THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME SHE REALLY TALKED TO US.
SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE WE RETURNED.


I WAS BORN ON A SMALL FARM IN THE NORTH PART OF WALL SHEENA.
AND EVER SINCE HISTORIA TOLD US ABOUT HER UPBRINGING...
IT WAS A FARM ON LAND CONTROLLED BY THE NOBLE REISS FAMILY.

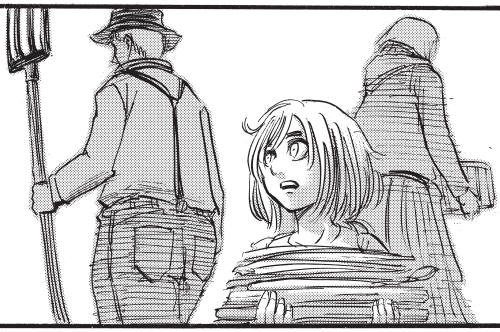

I NEVER SAW HER DOING HOUSE-WORK.
MY MOTHER WAS ALWAYS READING BOOKS.
SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.
AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, I WAS ALWAYS HELPING OUT ON THE FARM.
SHE SEEMED TO HAVE SOME OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME BESIDES THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
WHEN NIGHT CAME, SHE WOULD DRESS UP IN SHOWY CLOTHES AND SOMEONE WOULD COME IN A CARRIAGE TO TAKE HER TO TOWN.
AND WHEN I STARTED TO IMITATE MY MOTHER BY READING BOOKS...
BUT THEN I LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE.
...I LEARNED THAT I WAS VERY MUCH ALONE.
THAT WAS JUST NORMAL LIFE FOR ME.

IN MY BOOKS, THEY WOULD SPEAK TO THEM, HOLD THEM, SCOLD THEM...



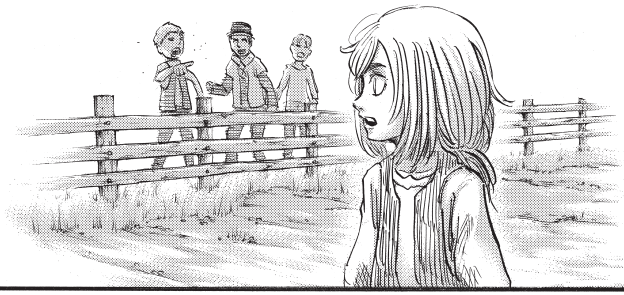
IN ALL THE BOOKS I READ... MOTHERS SHOWED INTEREST IN THEIR CHILDREN.

MY GRANDPARENTS WOULD SPEAK TO ME WHEN THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO WORK, BUT I HAD NEVER SPOKEN TO MY MOTHER.



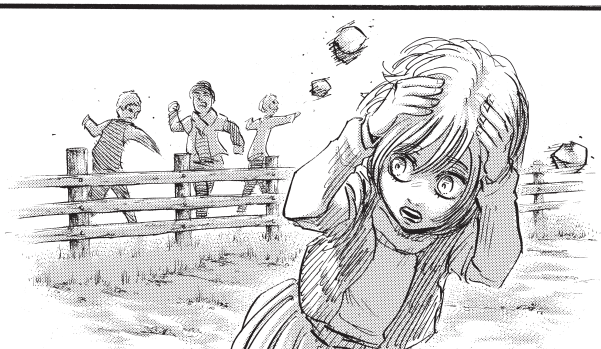
I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY OF THOSE THINGS.

AND THAT THEY'D PLAY WITH OTHER KIDS THEIR AGE.

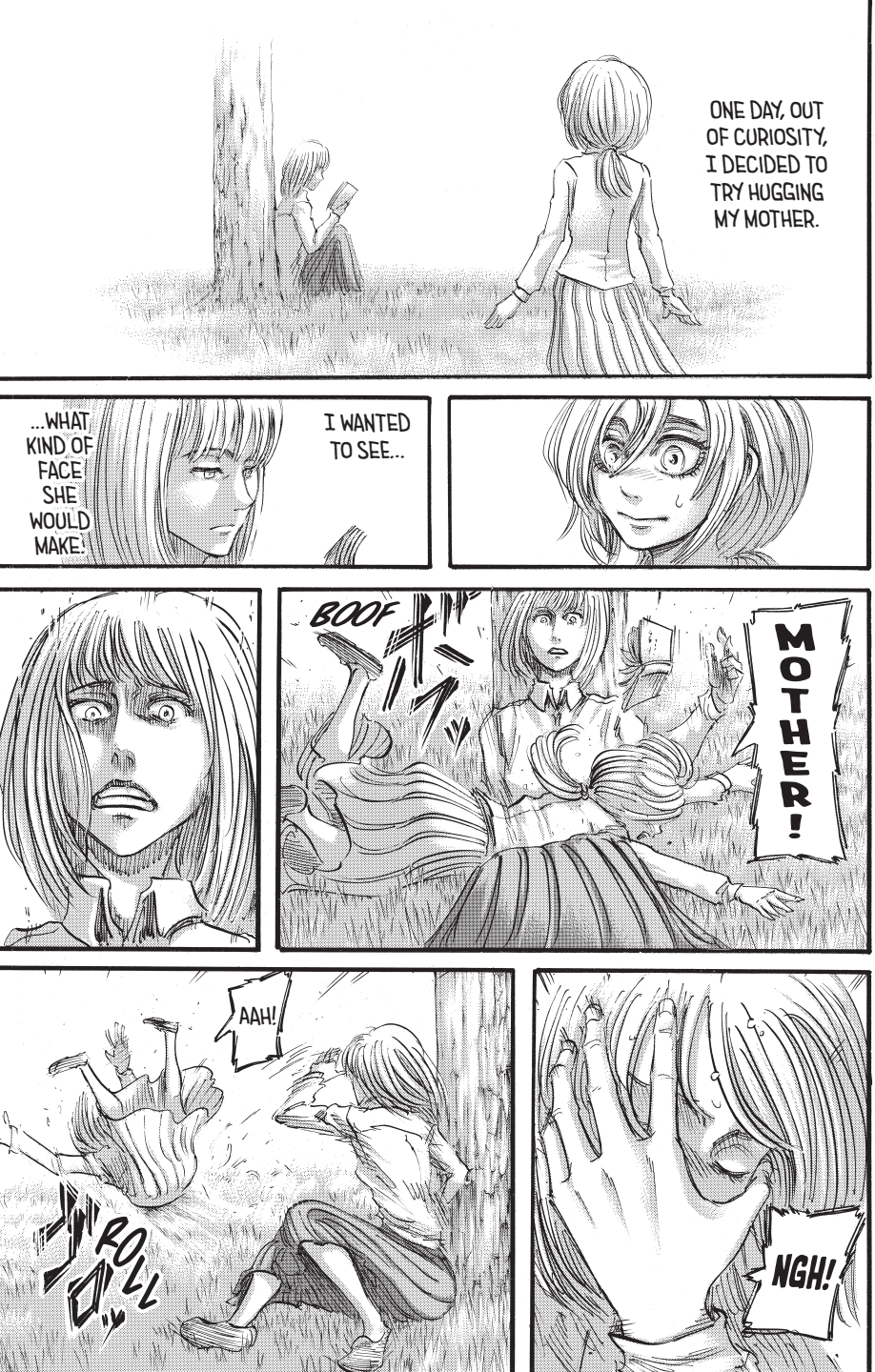


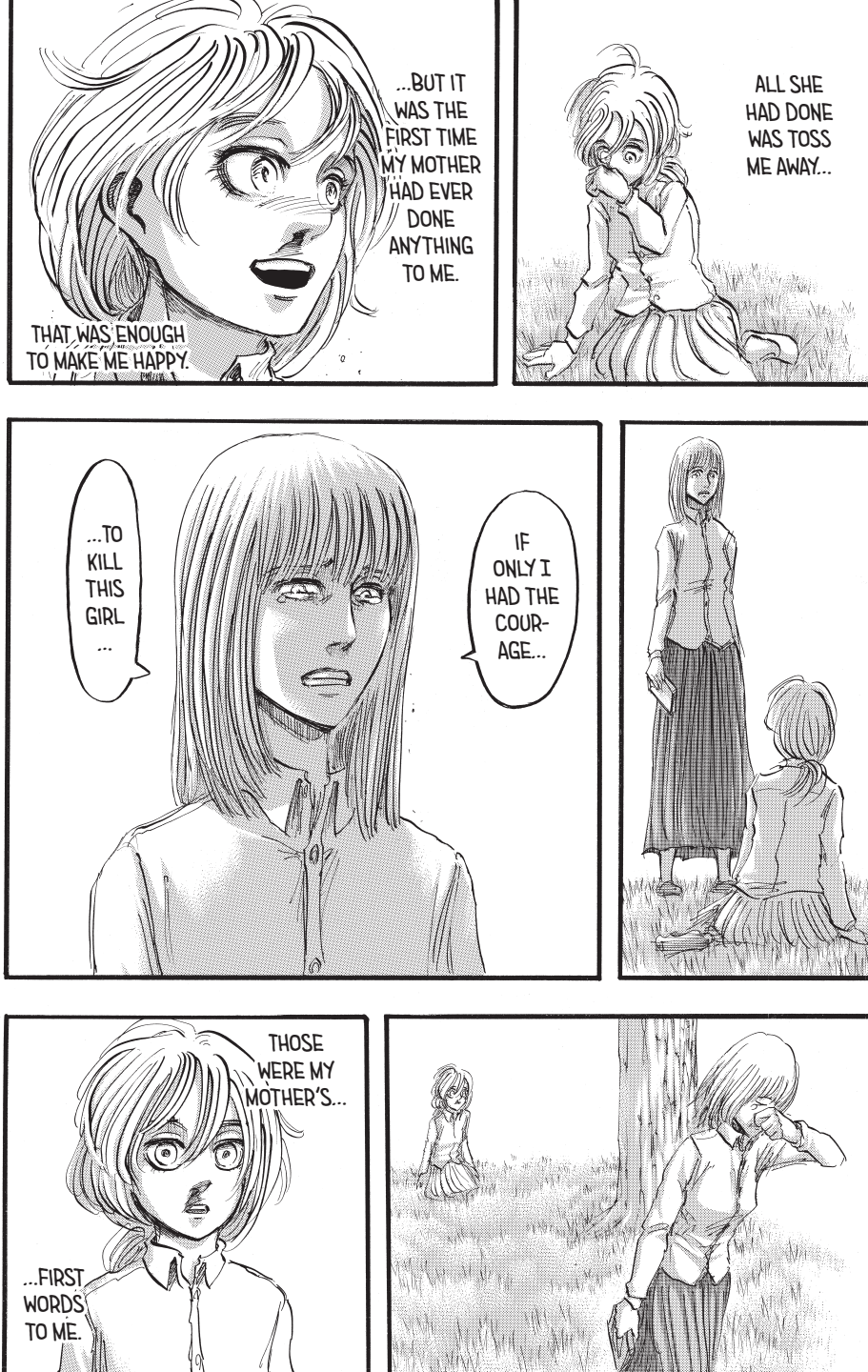
I ALSO NOTICED THAT THE OTHER CHILDREN COULD WALK AROUND FREELY,

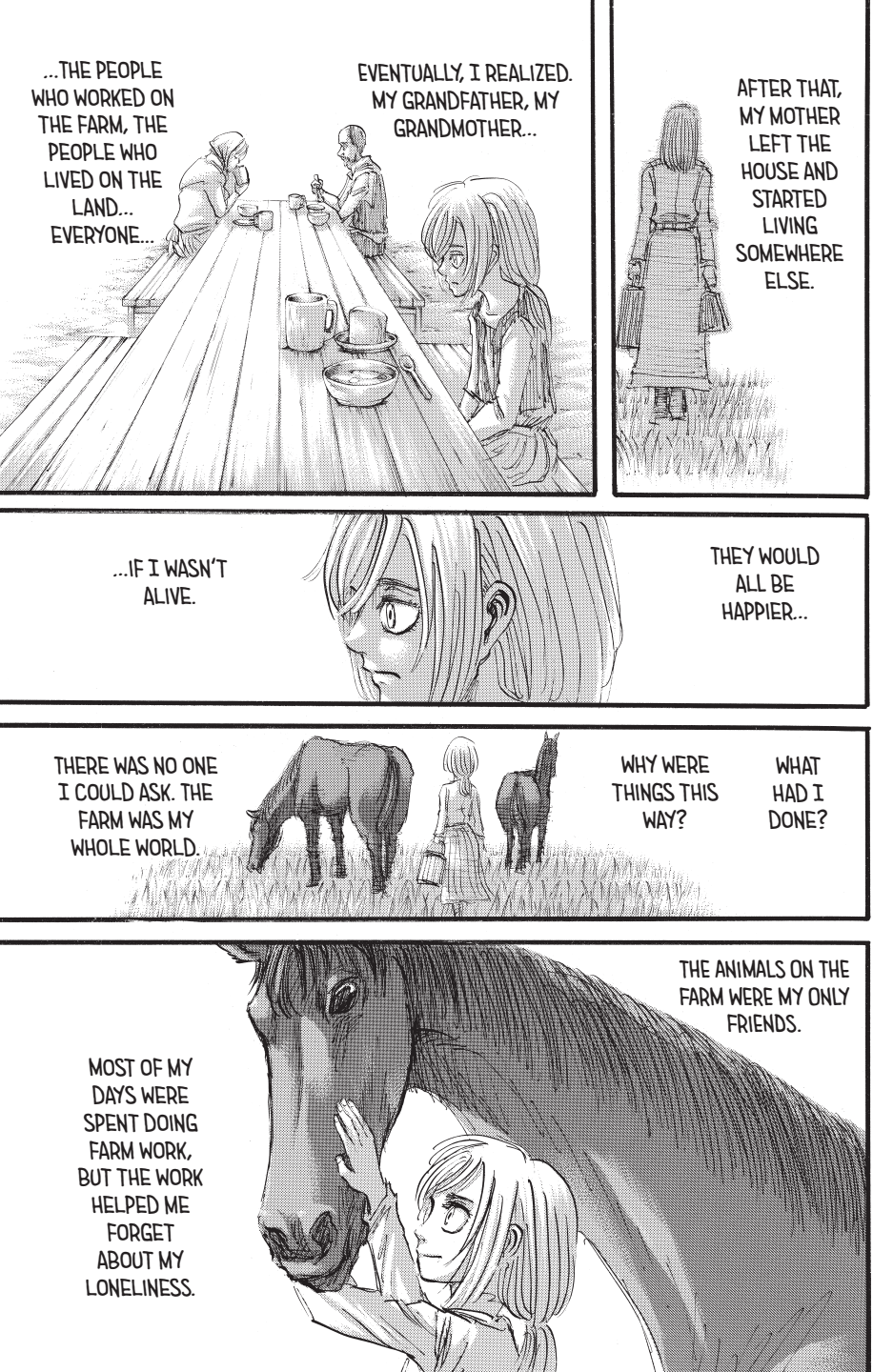
NEEDLESS TO SAY, I NEVER LEFT THE FARM.

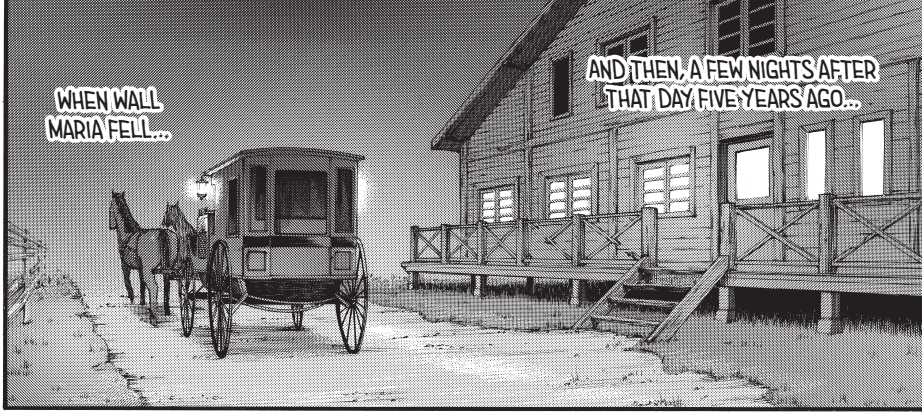


TO ME, OTHER CHILDREN WERE DANGEROUS. THEY'D THROW ROCKS AT ME.

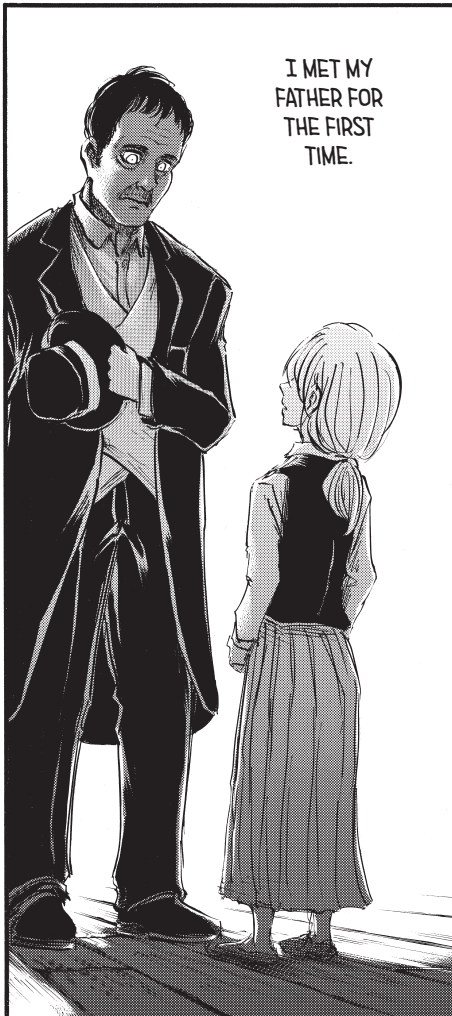

ONE DAY, OUT OF CURIOSITY, I DECIDED TO TRY HUGGING MY MOTHER.
I WANTED TO SEE...
...WHAT KIND OF FACE SHE WOULD MAKE!
BOOF
MOTHER!
AAH!
ROLL
NGH!

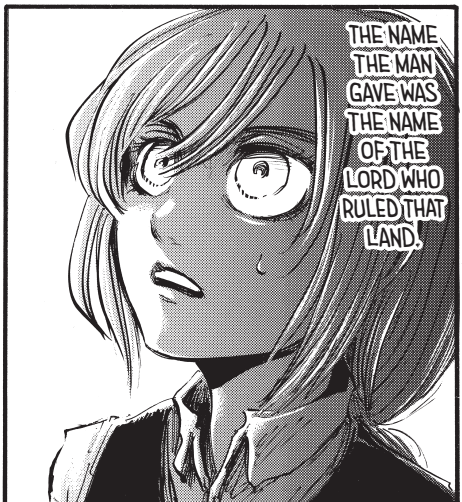

...BUT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME MY MOTHER HAD EVER DONE ANYTHING TO ME.
THAT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY.
ALL SHE HAD DONE WAS TOSS ME AWAY...
...TO KILL THIS GIRL ...
IF ONLY I HAD THE COUR-AGE...
THOSE WERE MY MOTHER'S...
...FIRST WORDS TO ME.


...THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE FARM, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON THE LAND... EVERYONE...
EVENTUALLY, I REALIZED. MY GRANDFATHER, MY GRANDMOTHER...
AFTER THAT, MY MOTHER LEFT THE HOUSE AND STARTED LIVING SOMEWHERE ELSE.
...IF I WASN'T ALIVE.
THEY WOULD ALL BE HAPPIER...
THERE WAS NO ONE I COULD ASK. THE FARM WAS MY WHOLE WORLD.
WHY WERE THINGS THIS WAY?
WHAT HAD I DONE?
THE ANIMALS ON THE FARM WERE MY ONLY FRIENDS.
MOST OF MY DAYS WERE SPENT DOING FARM WORK, BUT THE WORK HELPED ME FORGET ABOUT MY LONELINESS.

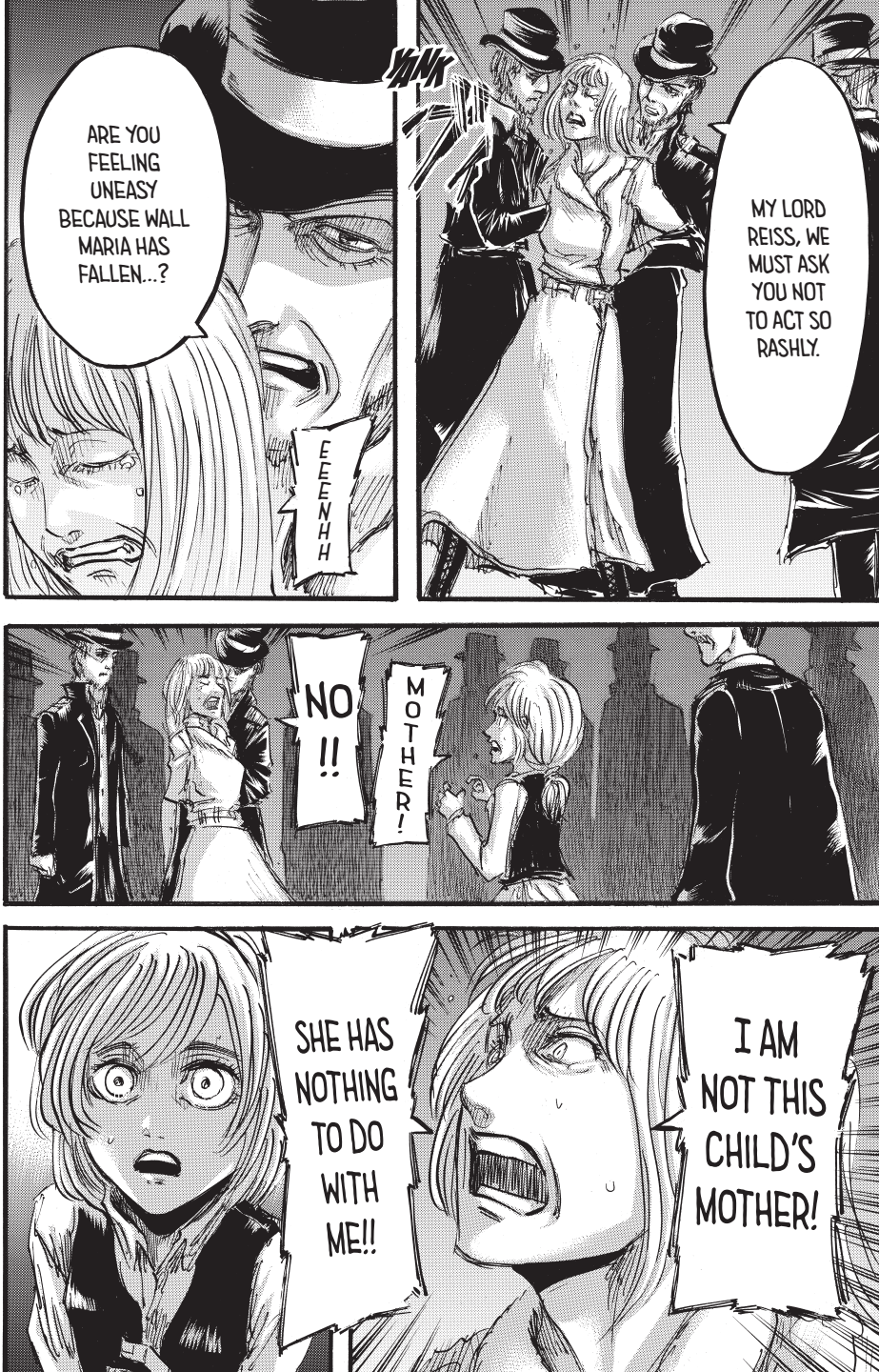

WHEN WALL MARIA FELL...
AND THEN, A FEW NIGHTS AFTER THAT DAY, FIVE YEARS AGO...

HELLO, HISTORIA.
MY NAME IS ROD REISS. ...I'M YOUR FATHER.


I MET MY FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME.


THE NAME THE MAN GAVE WAS THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO RULED THAT LAND.

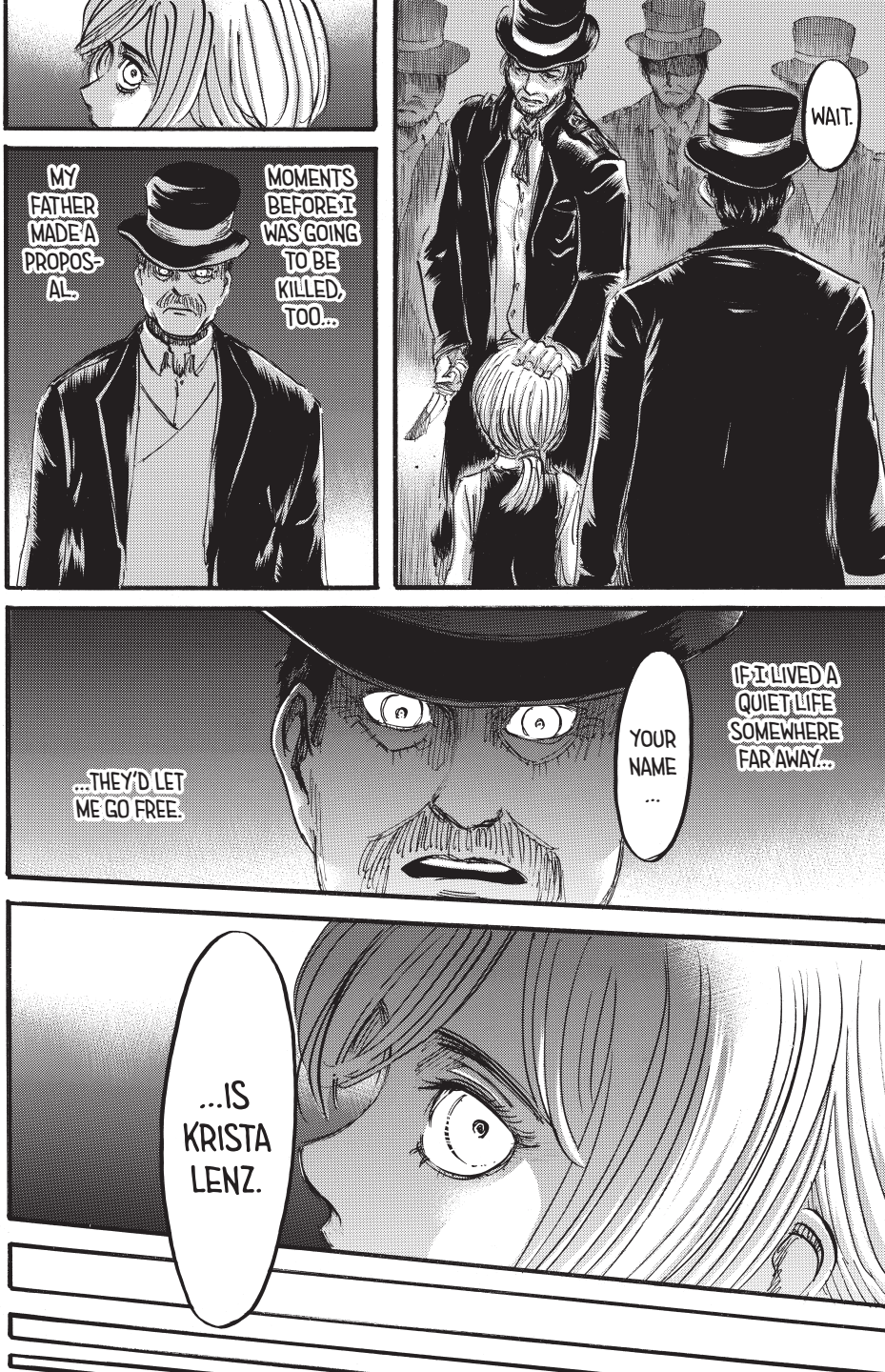
HISTORIA... YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH ME FROM NOW ON.
BUT SHE SEEMED TERRIFIED.
MY MOTHER, WHOM I HADN'T SEEN IN YEARS, WAS ALSO THERE.
AAAAHHH!!
AND THEN—
AS SOON AS HE SAID THAT, MY FATHER TOOK ME TOWARD A CARRIAGE WAITING OUTSIDE.
AND I NOTICED THAT WE WERE SURROUNDED BY MEN.
MY MOTHER SHRIEKED—

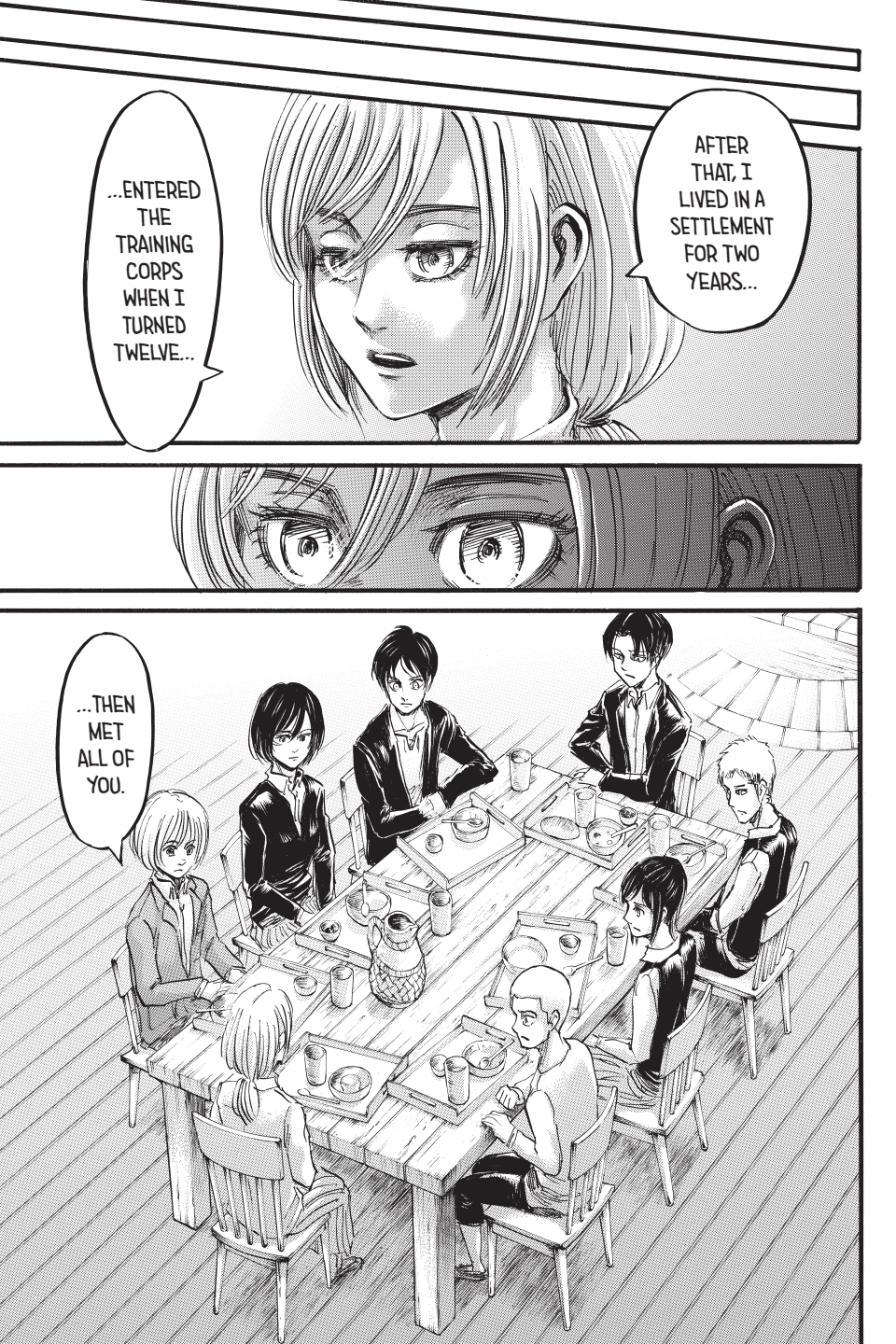

ARE YOU FEELING UNEASY BECAUSE WALL MARIA HAS FALLEN...?
EEENHH
GNK
MY LORD REISS, WE MUST ASK YOU NOT TO ACT SO RASHLY.
NO !!
MOTHER!
SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!
I AM NOT THIS CHILD'S MOTHER!

ARE BOTH THIS WOMAN... AND THIS CHILD UNRELATED TO YOU?
AHA... IS THIS TRUE, LORD REISS?
NEITHER OF THEM ARE RELATED TO ME.
VERY WELL...
SIGH...

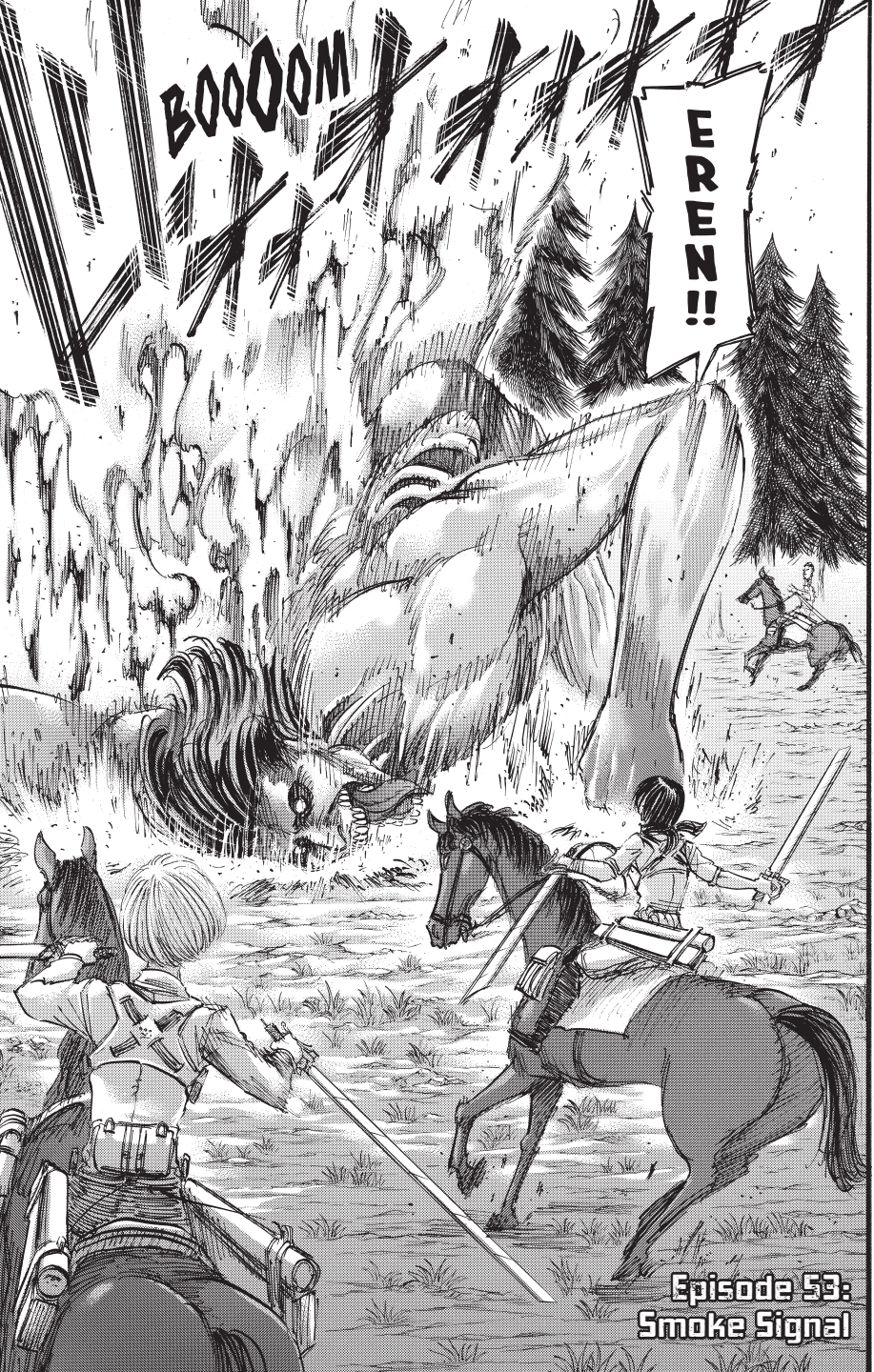
YEEK?!
THUD
...?!
JUST AS WE THOUGHT.
NO ONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.
YOU NEVER EXISTED.
YOU NEVER WORKED IN THE LORD'S MANSION.
WHAT ARE YOU ...?!
WHAT ?!
BUT... THAT ISN'T TRUE!!
MAST-ER ...!
NO!
...IF ONLY ...
M...
MOTHER...
AH ...

GRRT
IF ONLY YOU'D NEVER BEEN BOR-
THOSE WERE MY MOTHER'S LAST WORDS.
SBBT


WAIT.
MOMENTS BEFORE I WAS GOING TO BE KILLED, TOO...
MY FATHER MADE A PROPOS-AL.
IF I LIVED A QUIET LIFE SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...
YOUR NAME ...
...THEY'D LET ME GO FREE.
...IS KRISTA LENZ.


AFTER THAT, I LIVED IN A SETTLEMENT FOR TWO YEARS...
...ENTERED THE TRAINING CORPS WHEN I TURNED TWELVE...
...THEN MET ALL OF YOU.

ATTACK
ON TITAN



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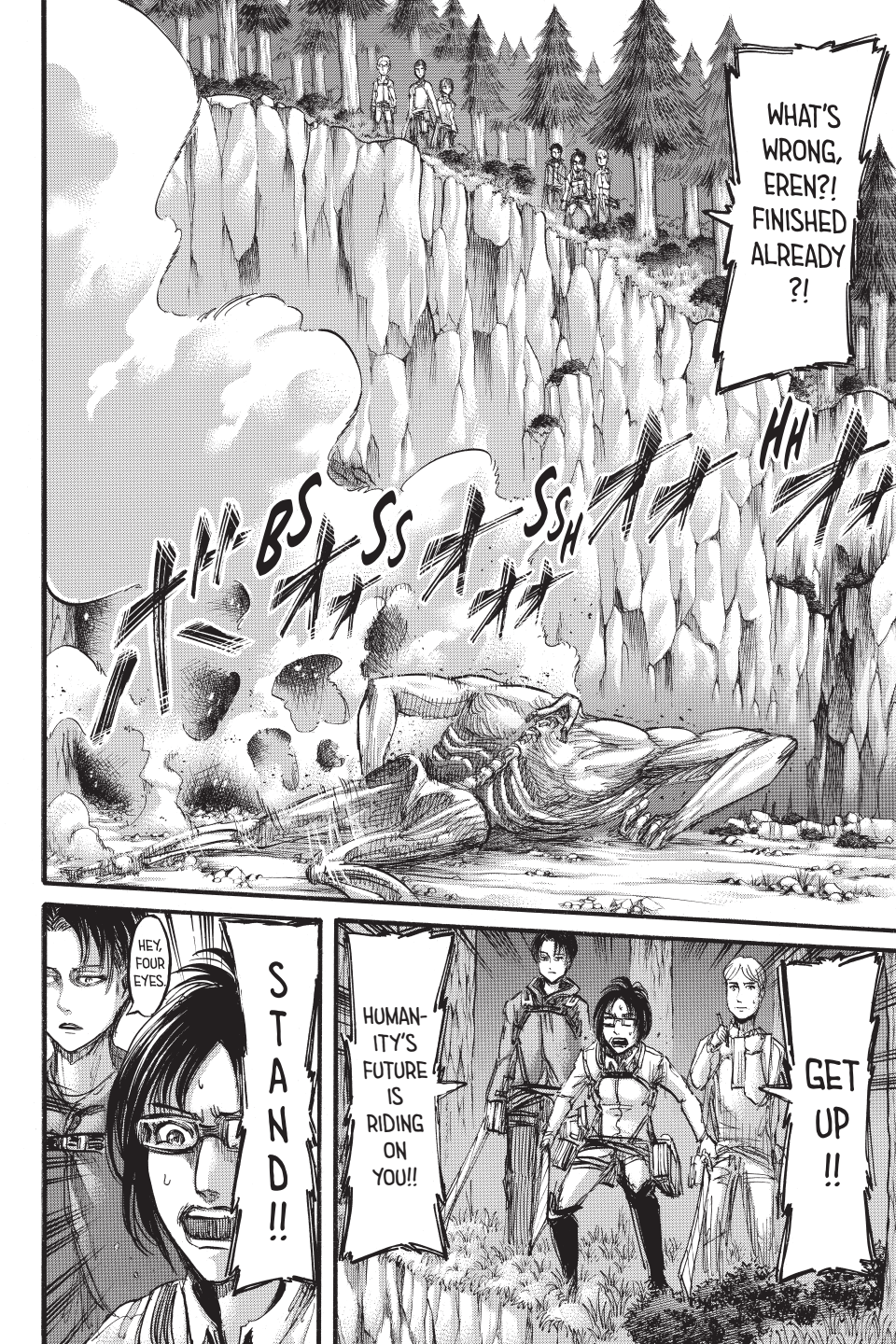
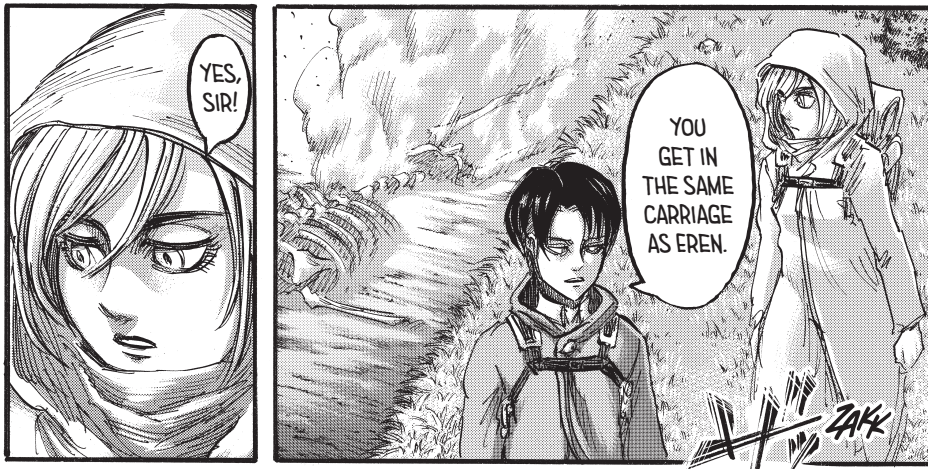

WHAT'S WRONG, EREN?! FINISHED ALREADY ?!
HH
SSH
SS
BS
GET UP !!
HUMAN-ITY'S FUTURE IS RIDING ON YOU!!
HEY, FOUR EYES.
STAND!!

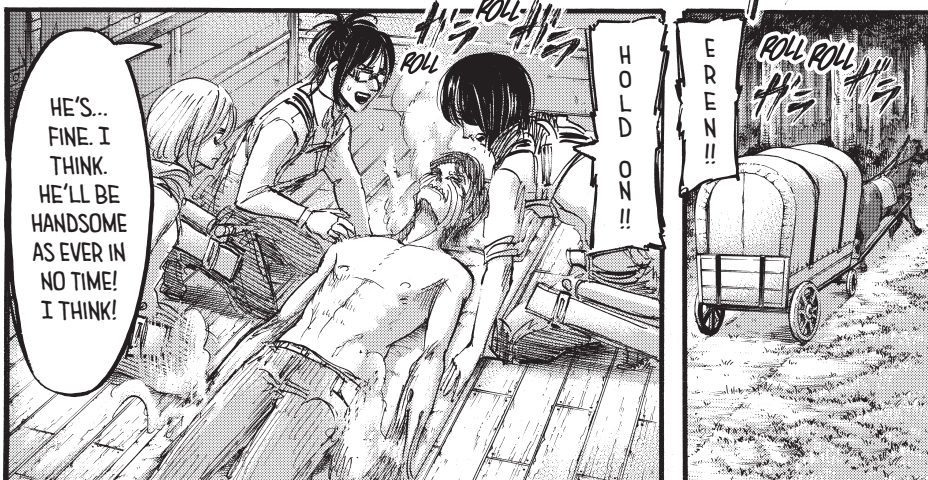
DON'T YOU THINK HE LOOKS DIFFERENT THIS TIME?
HE'S NOT EVEN TEN METERS TALL, AND HE'S MISSING SOME FLESH.
ALSO, EREN'S ASS IS HANGING OUT.
I KNOW THAT !!
EREN!! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN STILL MOVE YOUR TITAN?!
IF SO, GIVE ME SOME SORT OF SIGNAL !!
IF YOU DON'T, WE'RE DIGGING YOU OUT OF THERE!
MIKASA!
THAK THAK
HEY, THAT GLOOMY LITTLE BRAT IS IGNORING ORDERS AGAIN.
SHOULD WE PUNISH HER?
THAD
NO, HE'S NOT RE-SPOND-ING. WE'RE DONE!

HOT! HOT!!
EREN, YOU'RE SERIOUSLY HOT RIGHT NOW!!
SBLUT
SBLUT
SBLUT
WAIT, STOP! EREN'S BLEEDING!
LET ME DO IT!!
WOW... THIS IS INCREDIBLE! HE'S WAY MORE ATTACHED TO IT THAN HE WAS EARLIER!
HANGE?!
SBLUT
HE'S MORE FUSED WITH THE TITAN'S BODY, LIKE THEY'RE BECOMING ONE!
HE MIGHT END UP JUST TURNING INTO A TITAN IF WE LEFT HIM LIKE THIS!! WOULD IT BE OKAY TO TRY IT OUT?! OR WOULD THAT MAKE ME A BAD PERSON?!
WHOOOAH! MOBLIT, LOOK AT THIS! EREN'S FACE IS SERIOUSLY MESSED UP!!
AAHH!!
SBLUT
HURRY!! GET A SKETCH OF THIS!! IS HE GOING TO GET HIS OLD FACE BACK?!
WE'LL NEED IT FOR COMPARISON LATER! HURRY!
SQUAD LEADER!! DO YOU HAVE ANY HUMAN COMPASSION AT ALL?!

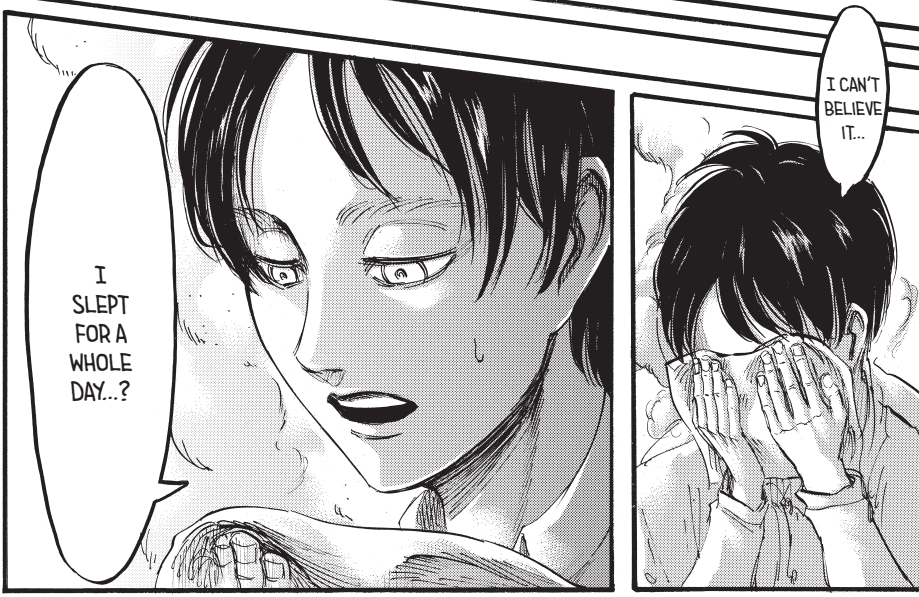
SBAM
SBAM
OH...
SWOOSH
SSHHH
HAAH
HAAH
SORRY... GOT CARRIED AWAY AGAIN...
THUD
ALL TROOPS, WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY!!
EXPERIMENT COMPLETE!!

...SO THEY FAILED, AFTER ALL.
MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THERE WERE NO WITNESSES !!
WE'RE WITHDRAWING! SEARCH THE PERIMETER!


YES, SIR!
YOU GET IN THE SAME CARRIAGE AS EREN.
ZAK


HE'S... FINE. I THINK. HE'LL BE HANDSOME AS EVER IN NO TIME! I THINK!
ROLL ROLL
HOLD ON!!
EREN!!
ROLL ROLL

GGGT
THAT TELLTALE SMOKE GOES UP WHENEVER HE TURNS INTO A TITAN. EVEN DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS...
WE REALLY CAN'T DO THIS QUIETLY, CAN WE...?
...WE NEED TO ASSUME THAT THEY'RE WATCHING US FROM SOMEWHERE...

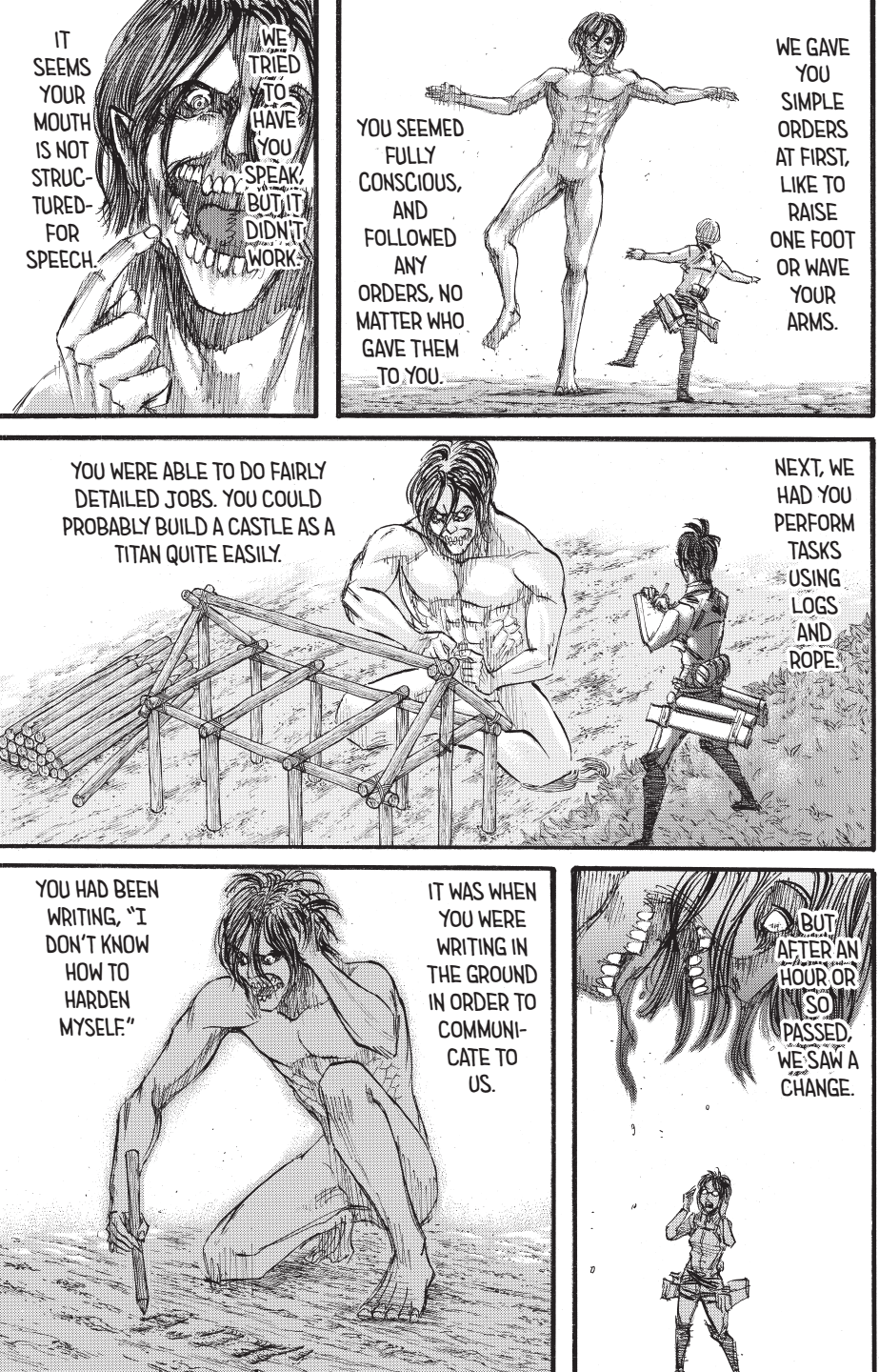

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
I SLEPT FOR A WHOLE DAY...?

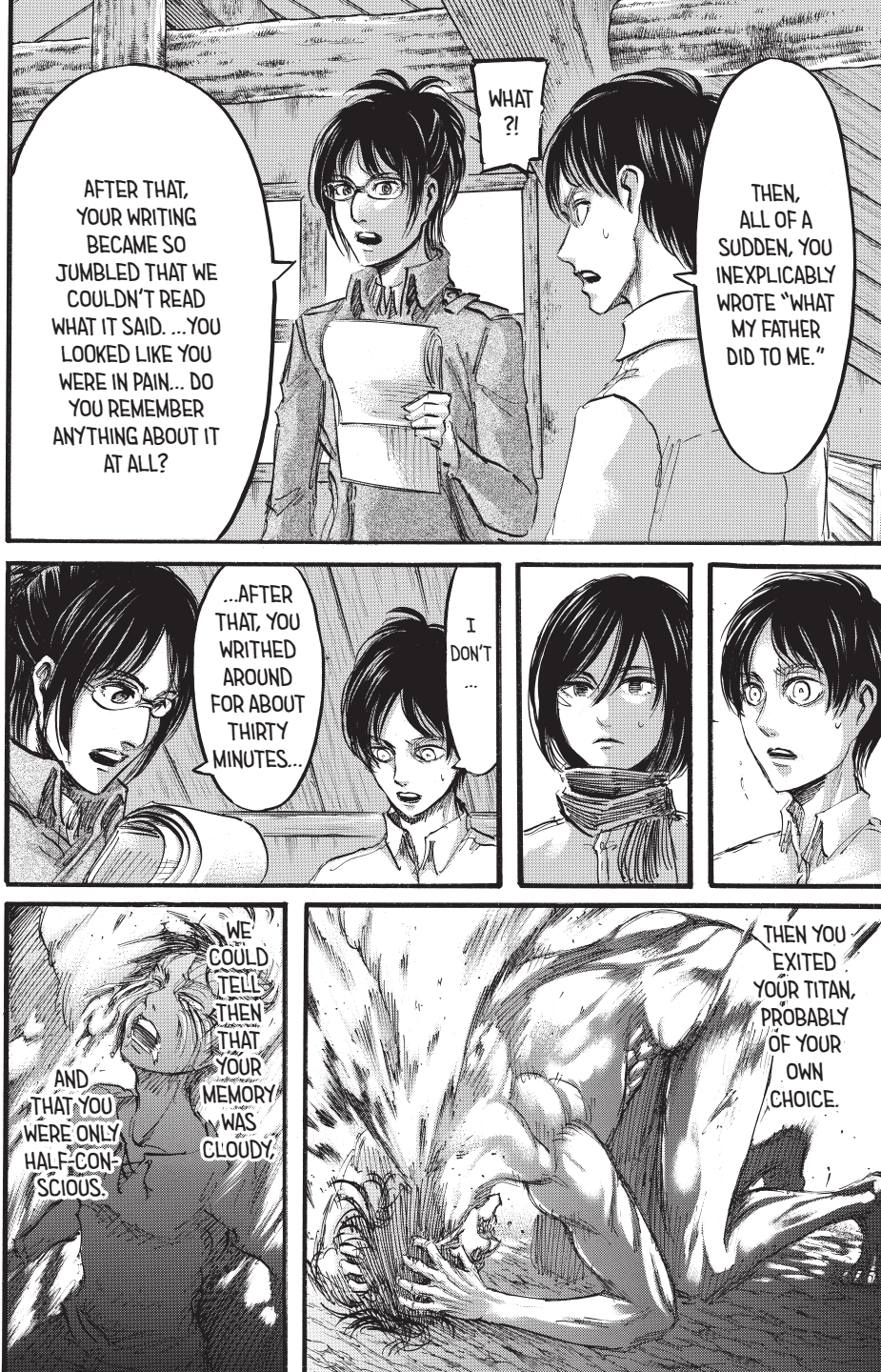
I'M GLAD YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL.
HM?
MIKASA PROBABLY WON'T SLICE ME TO SHREDS NOW.
HUH?
ANYWAY, DO YOU REMEMBER THE EXPERIMENT WE RAN?

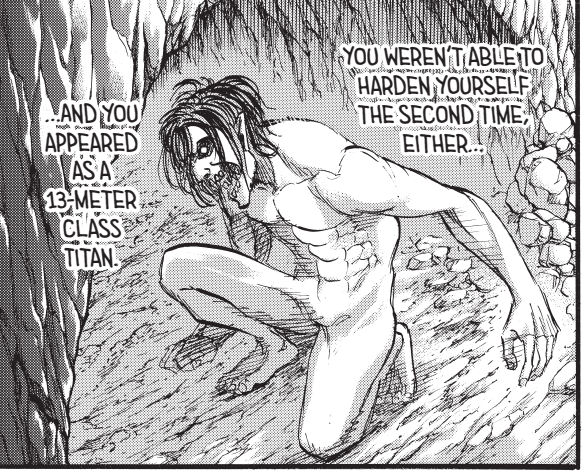
HOW DID THE "HARDENING" GO...?
I... DON'T REMEMBER A SINGLE THING FROM THE EXPERIMENT...
NO...
UN-FORTU-NATE-LY...
WE OBSERVED NOTHING LIKE THAT PHENOMENON WHEN YOU WERE A TITAN.
WE CHECKED TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS LEFT OF YOUR TITAN BODY AFTER THE EXPERIMENT, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING.
NO...
NOTHING AT ALL? REALLY?

THIS IS HOW THE EXPERIMENT WENT.
YOU TRANSFORMED INTO A TITAN IN ORDER TO HARDEN YOUR BODY AND FILL A GIANT CAVE THAT STOOD IN FOR WALL MARIA.
BUT SINCE NOTHING HAPPENED, WE PROCEEDED WITH OUR BACKUP PLAN AND RAN ENDURANCE AND INTELLIGENCE TESTS.

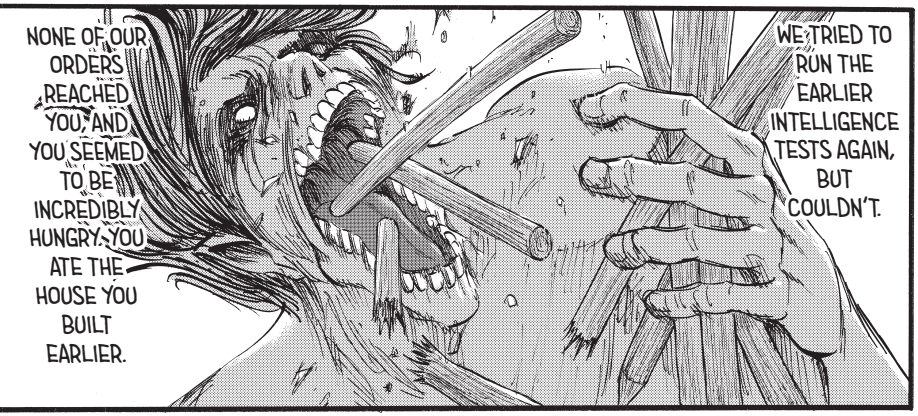
I REMEMBER HOW THE PLAN WENT...
BUT NOTHING ABOUT THE RESULTS ...
WELL...
THE FIRST TITAN WAS A 15-METER CLASS ...
THE SAME SIZE AS THE ONES YOU'VE MADE APPEAR IN THE PAST.


IT SEEMS YOUR MOUTH IS NOT STRUC-TURED FOR SPEECH.
WE TRIED TO HAVE YOU SPEAK, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK.
YOU SEEMED FULLY CONSCIOUS, AND FOLLOWED ANY ORDERS, NO MATTER WHO GAVE THEM TO YOU.
WE GAVE YOU SIMPLE ORDERS AT FIRST, LIKE TO RAISE ONE FOOT OR WAVE YOUR ARMS.
YOU WERE ABLE TO DO FAIRLY DETAILED JOBS. YOU COULD PROBABLY BUILD A CASTLE AS A TITAN QUITE EASILY.
NEXT, WE HAD YOU PERFORM TASKS USING LOGS AND ROPE.
YOU HAD BEEN WRITING, "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HARDEN MYSELF."
IT WAS WHEN YOU WERE WRITING IN THE GROUND IN ORDER TO COMMUNI-CATE TO US.
BUT AFTER AN HOUR OR SO PASSED, WE SAW A CHANGE.

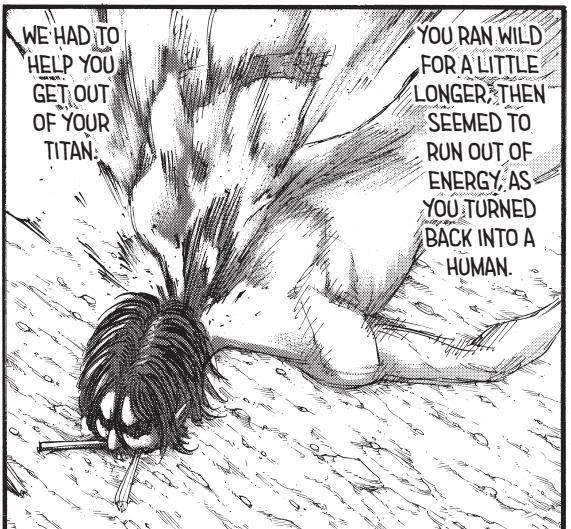

AFTER THAT, YOUR WRITING BECAME SO JUMBLED THAT WE COULDN'T READ WHAT IT SAID. ...YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE IN PAIN... DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT AT ALL?
WHAT ?!
THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU INEXPLICABLY WROTE "WHAT MY FATHER DID TO ME."
...AFTER THAT, YOU WRITHED AROUND FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES...
I DON'T ...
AND THAT YOU WERE ONLY HALF-CONSCIOUS.
WE COULD TELL THEN THAT YOUR MEMORY WAS CLOUDY.
THEN YOU EXITED YOUR TITAN, PROBABLY OF YOUR OWN CHOICE.


...AND YOU APPEARED AS A 13-METER CLASS TITAN.
YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO HARDEN YOURSELF THE SECOND TIME, EITHER...

AFTER YOU RESTED FOR HALF AN HOUR, YOU TRIED TURNING INTO A TITAN ONCE MORE.


NONE OF OUR ORDERS REACHED YOU, AND YOU SEEMED TO BE INCREDIBLY HUNGRY. YOU ATE THE HOUSE YOU BUILT EARLIER.
WE TRIED TO RUN THE EARLIER INTELLIGENCE TESTS AGAIN, BUT COULDN'T.

YOU RESTED FOR ANOTHER THIRTY MINUTES, THEN TRIED TO TURN INTO A TITAN FOR A THIRD TIME.


WE HAD TO HELP YOU GET OUT OF YOUR TITAN.
YOU RAN WILD FOR A LITTLE LONGER, THEN SEEMED TO RUN OUT OF ENERGY, AS YOU TURNED BACK INTO A HUMAN.

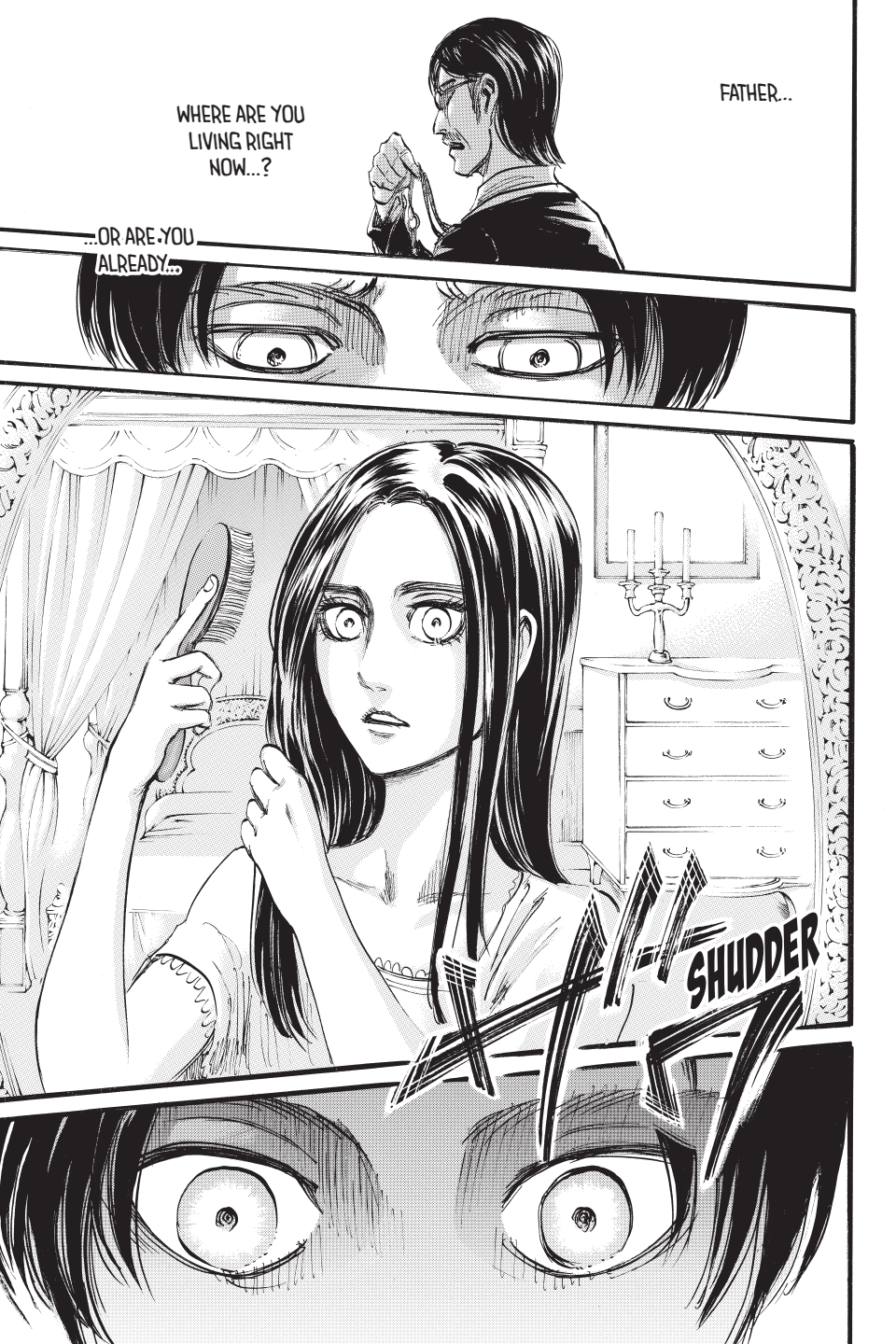
THAT TIME, YOUR TITAN WAS LESS THAN TEN METERS TALL... IT WAS SO INCOMPLETE THAT YOU COULDN'T STAND ON YOUR OWN.
IT WAS EVEN MORE FUSED WITH YOUR BODY, AND TEARING YOU OUT WAS A LOT OF WORK...
...SO AT THE VERY LEAST...
GRT
...THIS MEANS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO START IMMEDI-ATELY ON THE OPERATION ...
...TO RETAKE WALL MARIA...
ALL BE-CAUSE ...
I COULDN'T HARDEN MY TITAN BODY...

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.
IT WAS A REAL DISAPPOINTMENT TO US.
AND EVERYONE'S BEEN MISERABLE TODAY BECAUSE OF IT.
WE CAN'T LET ANY MORE TIME GO TO WASTE.
WHAT'S NEXT? TITANS MIGHT RISE UP OUT OF THE GROUND. MAYBE THEY'LL COME RAINING DOWN FROM THE SKY... AND HUMANITY'S STILL A PACK OF TOOTHLESS PREY ANIMALS.
IN ANY CASE, WE'RE IN A SHITTY SITUATION.
...EREN DID EVERYTHING HE COULD.
I KNOW THAT.
BUT SO WHAT? WHY DOES IT MATTER THAT HE TRIED HIS BEST?
RIGHT NOW, HE CAN'T CLOSE THAT HOLE.
BUT... BLAMING EREN FOR THAT...
HOLD ON. I'M JUST BEING AN ASSHOLE. I'M NOT BLAMING HIM.
GOING OVER OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND BITCHING ABOUT OUR SITUATION IS AN IMPORTANT RITUAL.

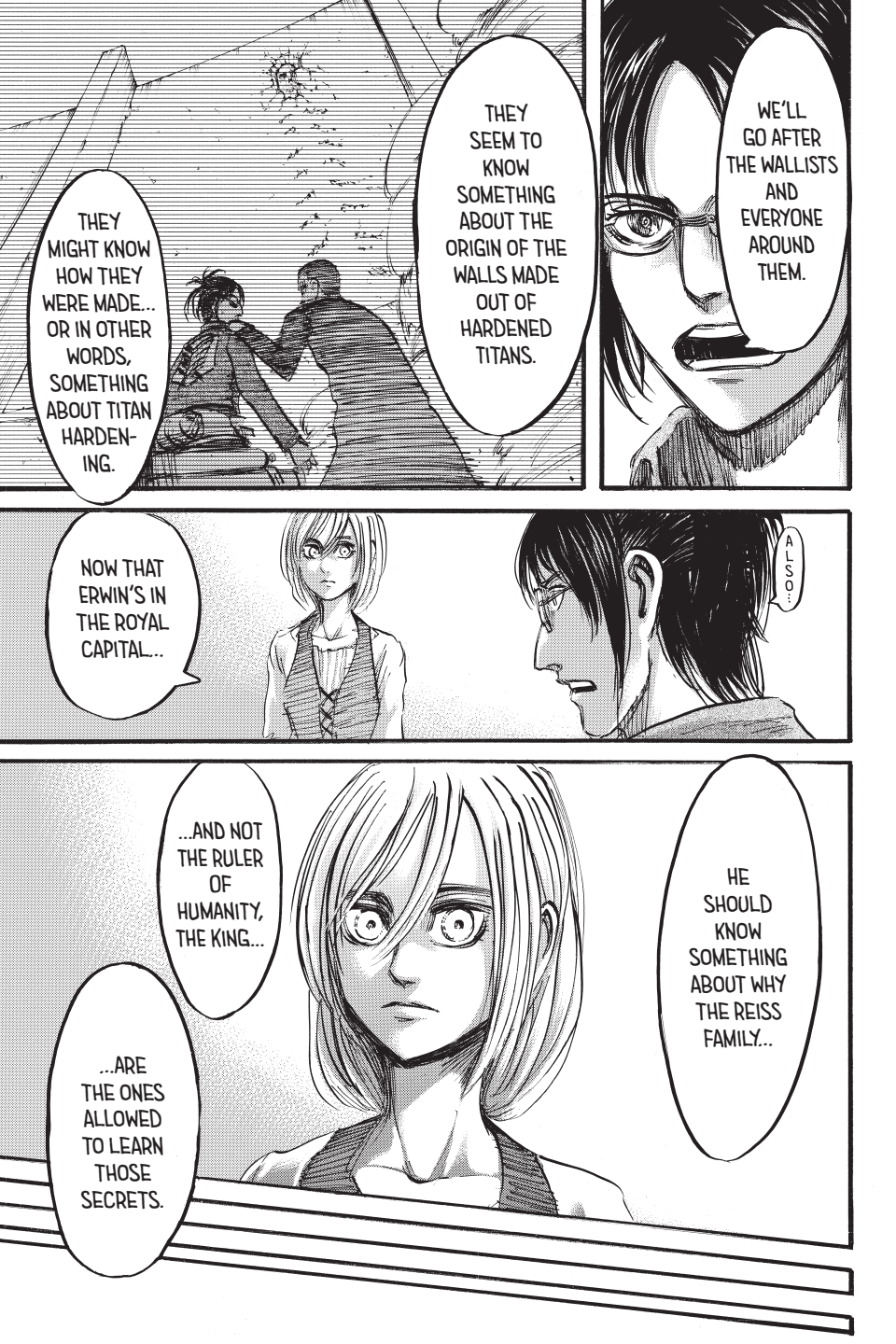
TAKE A WHIFF. INSIDE THESE WALLS, THE AIR'S ALWAYS STUNK LIKE TRASH.
IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. WE'VE ALWAYS LIVED IN SHIT.
THAT'S OUR SITUATION.
I DIDN'T NOTICE IT UNTIL JUST A FEW YEARS AGO.
AFTER ALL, I'VE SUCKED IN THIS STINK SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN.
I SAW IT AS NORMAL.
BUT THE AIR I BREATHED OUTSIDE THE WALLS WAS DIFFERENT.
YES, LIFE OUT THERE IS HELL...
...BUT IT'S GOT SOMETHING THE WALLS DON'T. FREEDOM.
OUT THERE, I FINALLY SAW WHAT I'D BEEN MISSING.
...IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT LEVI'S TRYING TO SAY IS...
...
...WE LEARNED THAT YOU CAN'T HARDEN YOUR TITAN BODY. AND THAT'S A SUCCESS.

...BUT OUR JOB NOW IS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THESE RESULTS.
WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE FOR LETTING OFF THAT SMOKE SIGNAL...
EVERY-THING THAT HAPPENED DURING THIS EXPERIMENT GAVE US USEFUL INFORMA-TION.
WE ALSO LEARNED HOW LONG YOU CAN STAY A TITAN AFTER MULTIPLE TRANSFORMA-TIONS, AND WE GOT A ROUGH IDEA OF YOUR VERSATILITY AND LIMITATIONS.
THAT'S NOT ALL, EITHER!
THANKS FOR THAT...
...YEAH.
...IS WHAT YOU MEANT. RIGHT, LEVI?
IN OTHER WORDS, LET'S KEEP FIGHTING.
...SAVING HUMANITY, REPAYING HANNES AND THE OTHERS—
WHY WAS I THE ONE GIVEN THIS ROLE...? AT THIS RATE...
...
Grip

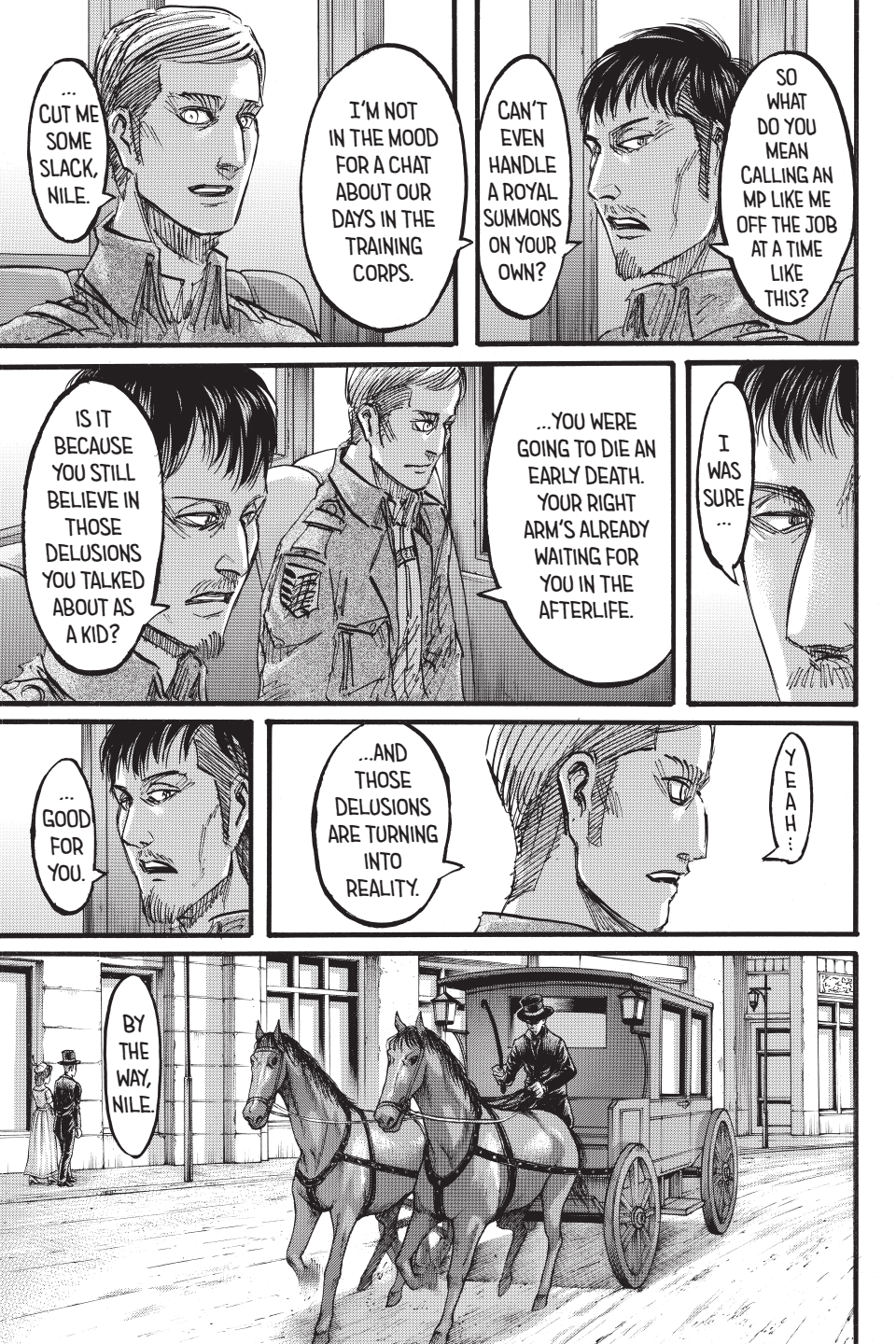
I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT.
FOR NOW, I'M IGNORANT AND POWER-LESS...
LEARNING THAT FACT MIGHT BE THE BEGIN-NING OF SOME-THING NEW.
BUT...
...FOR NOW...
WOULD I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL MY TITAN FOR LONGER IF THAT HADN'T HAPPENED?
BUT... WHY DID I THINK OF MY FATHER DURING THE EXPERI-MENTS?


FATHER...
WHERE ARE YOU LIVING RIGHT NOW...?
...OR ARE YOU ALREADY...
SHUDDER

IS THIS A MEMORY?
...WHEN IS IT FROM?
HISTORIA?
NO, THAT'S NOT HER...
AH...
I CAN'T... NOT AGAIN...
UGH...
ANY MORE AND...
AH... YEAH...
HM...?
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
YOU'RE STILL WEAK.
WHAT WAS I JUST THINKING?
AS TO WHERE WE GO FROM HERE...
NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T HARDEN YOUR TITAN...
...OUR NEXT STEP IS CLEAR.

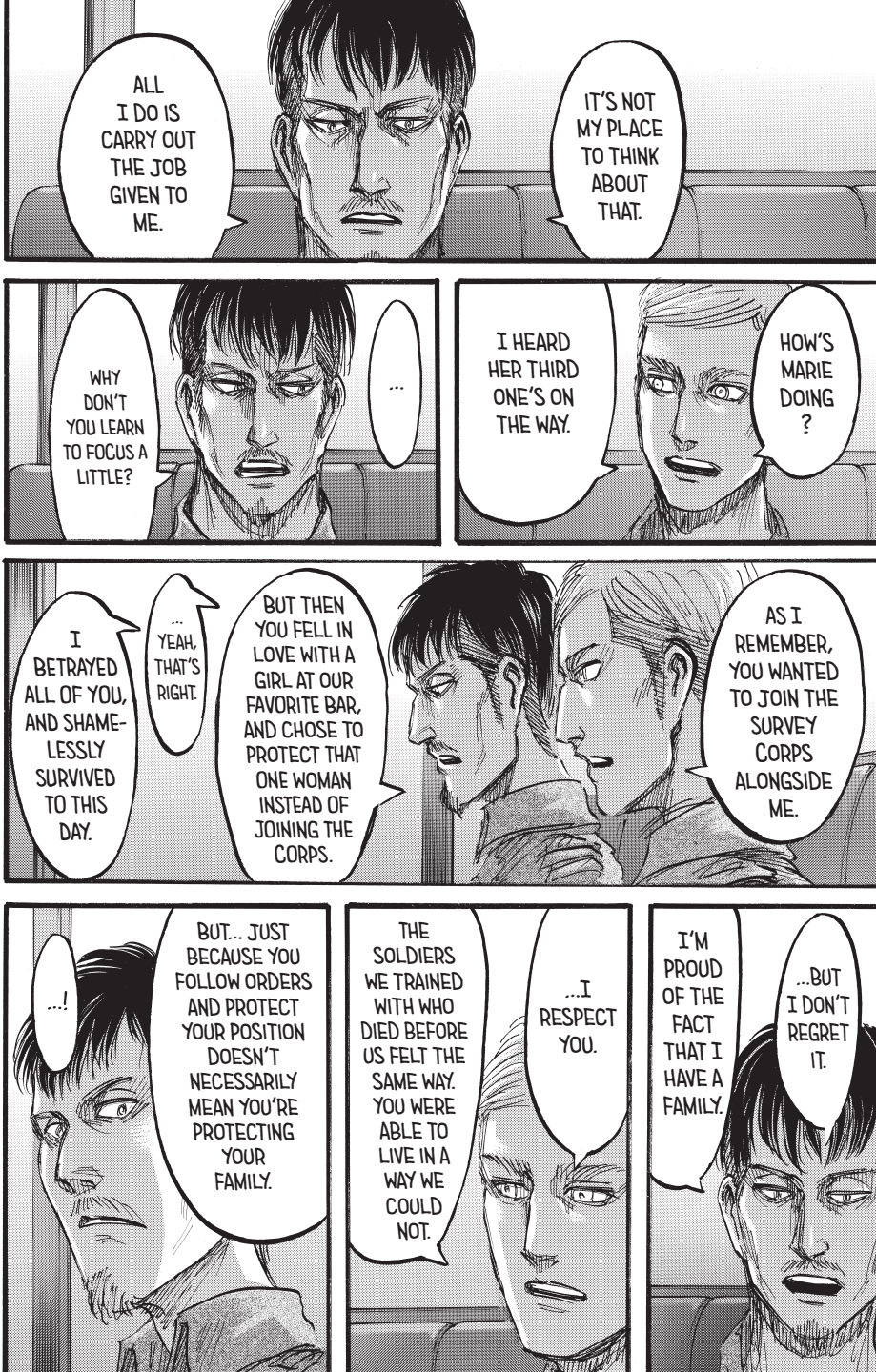

THEY MIGHT KNOW HOW THEY WERE MADE... OR IN OTHER WORDS, SOMETHING ABOUT TITAN HARDEN-ING.
THEY SEEM TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF THE WALLS MADE OUT OF HARDENED TITANS.
WE'LL GO AFTER THE WALLISTS AND EVERYONE AROUND THEM.
NOW THAT ERWIN'S IN THE ROYAL CAPITAL...
ALSO...
HE SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT WHY THE REISS FAMILY...
...AND NOT THE RULER OF HUMANITY, THE KING...
...ARE THE ONES ALLOWED TO LEARN THOSE SECRETS.

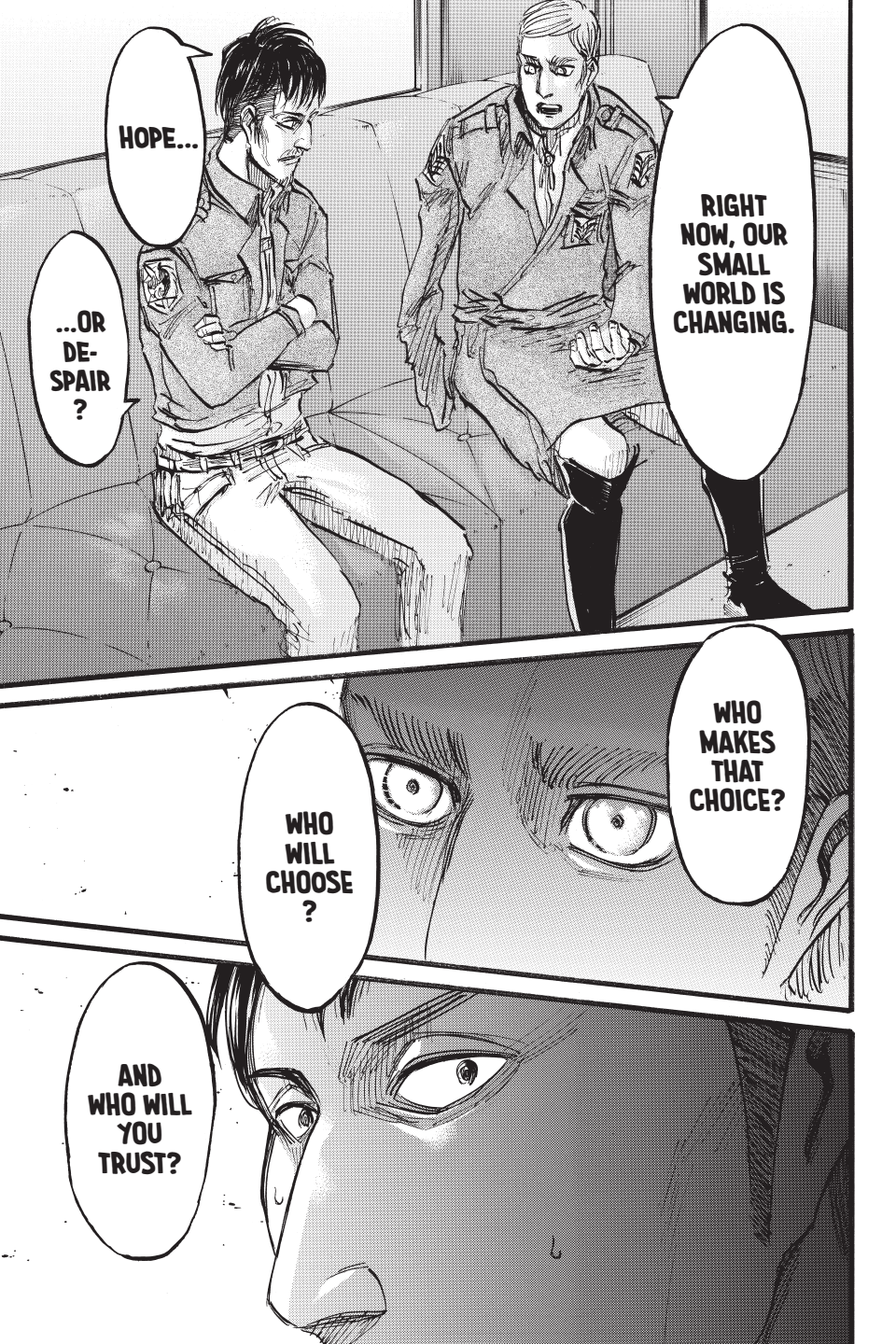
MITRAS, THE ROYAL CAPITAL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
IS THAT A GANG OF CHILD THIEVES? I DIDN'T THINK THE ROYAL CAPITAL WOULD BE IN SUCH BAD SHAPE...
IT'S THE SAME EVERYWHERE. EVEN IF YOU TRY TO CRACK DOWN, THE HOLDING CELLS ARE ALREADY OVERFLOWING.

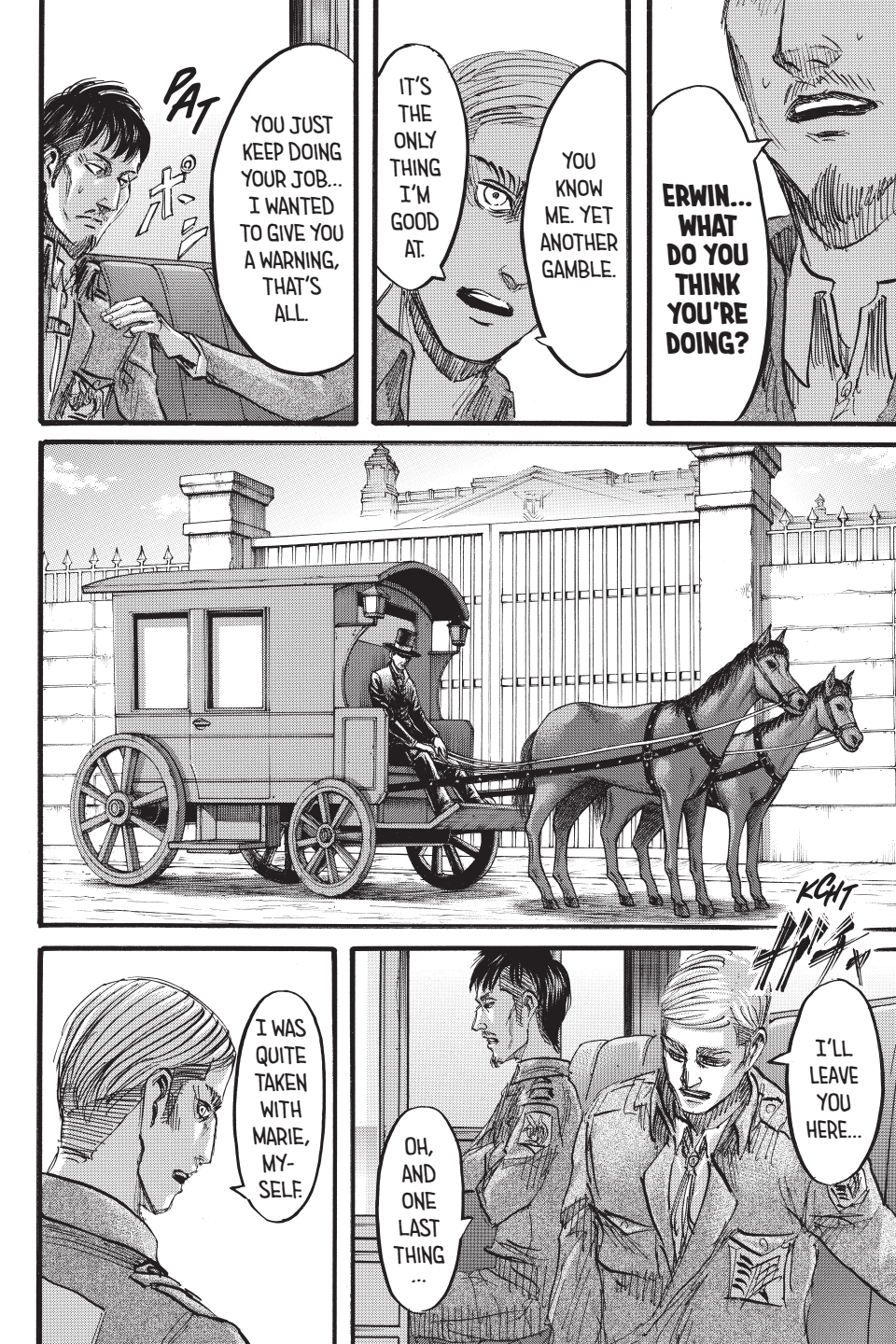

SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN CALLING AN MP LIKE ME OFF THE JOB AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
CAN'T EVEN HANDLE A ROYAL SUMMONS ON YOUR OWN?
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR A CHAT ABOUT OUR DAYS IN THE TRAINING CORPS.
... CUT ME SOME SLACK, NILE.
I WAS SURE ...
...YOU WERE GOING TO DIE AN EARLY DEATH. YOUR RIGHT ARM'S ALREADY WAITING FOR YOU IN THE AFTERLIFE.
IS IT BECAUSE YOU STILL BELIEVE IN THOSE DELUSIONS YOU TALKED ABOUT AS A KID?
YEAH...
...AND THOSE DELUSIONS ARE TURNING INTO REALITY.
... GOOD FOR YOU.
BY THE WAY, NILE.

MINISTER NICK WAS TORTURED THEN KILLED BY THE MP'S INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD.
WERE YOU AWARE OF THAT?
...I SEE.
... NO.
IT SEEMS THEY WANTED TO KNOW EREN'S LOCATION.
WHY DO YOU MPS WANT EREN SO BADLY THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO KILL FOR HIM?
WE'RE... JUST FOLLOW-ING ORDERS FROM ABOVE.
WE DON'T KNOW THEIR REA-SONS.

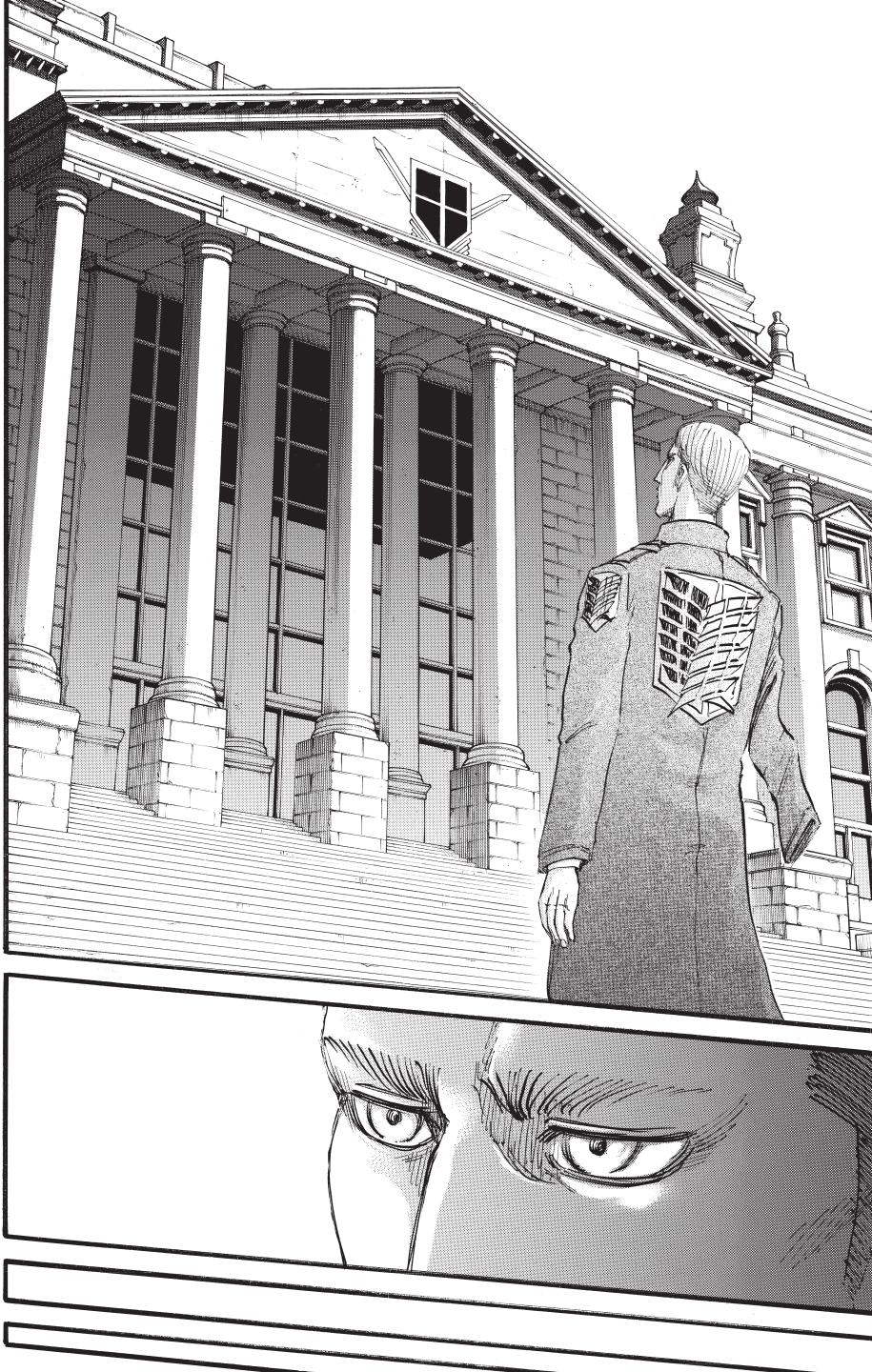
THEY HAVE A FREE PASS TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT.
THERE'S NO ONE WHO EXERCISES OFFICIAL CONTROL OVER THEM, EITHER.
OUR CHAIN OF COMMAND IS DIFFERENT, AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THEM... EVEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING.
AND WHILE WE'RE THE FACE OF THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, THE INTERIOR MPS ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IF YOU TWIST MY ARM.
SO YOU CAME HERE TO HAVE ME TELL YOU SOMETHING YOU ALREADY KNEW?
HUH ...?
...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WILL HANDING EREN OVER TO THEM END THIS CRISIS INSIDE THE WALLS?

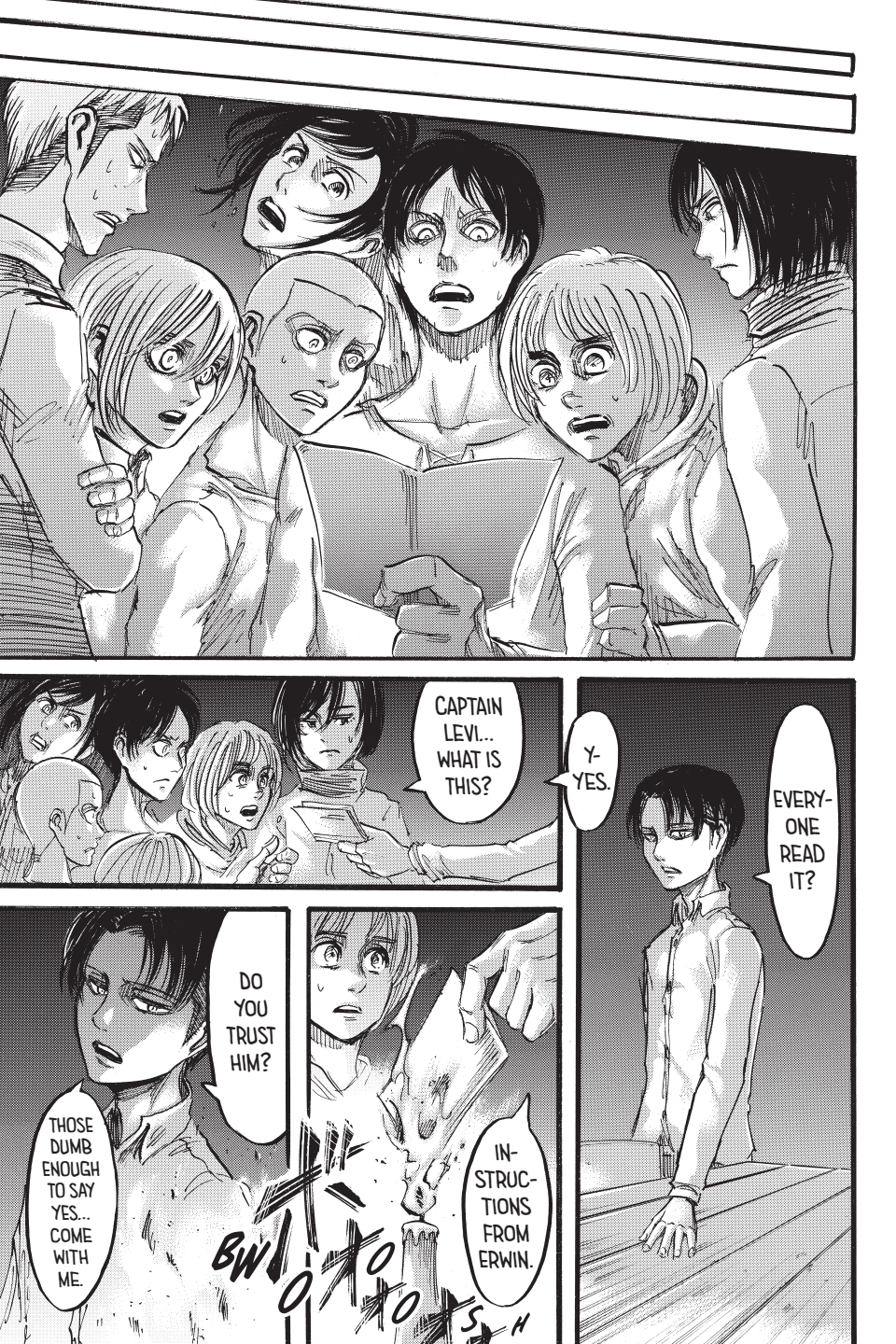

ALL I DO IS CARRY OUT THE JOB GIVEN TO ME.
IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO THINK ABOUT THAT.
WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO FOCUS A LITTLE?
...
I HEARD HER THIRD ONE'S ON THE WAY.
HOW'S MARIE DOING?
I BETRAYED ALL OF YOU, AND SHAMELESSLY SURVIVED TO THIS DAY.
... YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT THEN YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL AT OUR FAVORITE BAR, AND CHOSE TO PROTECT THAT ONE WOMAN INSTEAD OF JOINING THE CORPS.
AS I REMEMBER, YOU WANTED TO JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS ALONGSIDE ME.
...!
BUT... JUST BECAUSE YOU FOLLOW ORDERS AND PROTECT YOUR POSITION DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOU'RE PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY.
THE SOLDIERS WE TRAINED WITH WHO DIED BEFORE US FELT THE SAME WAY. YOU WERE ABLE TO LIVE IN A WAY WE COULD NOT.
...I RESPECT YOU.
I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT I HAVE A FAMILY.
...BUT I DON'T REGRET IT.


HOPE...
...OR DE-SPAIR ?
RIGHT NOW, OUR SMALL WORLD IS CHANGING.
WHO MAKES THAT CHOICE?
WHO WILL CHOOSE ?
AND WHO WILL YOU TRUST?


ERWIN... WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
YOU KNOW ME. YET ANOTHER GAMBLE.
IT'S THE ONLY THING I'M GOOD AT.
PAT
ポン
YOU JUST KEEP DOING YOUR JOB... I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A WARNING, THAT'S ALL.
KCHT
I'LL LEAVE YOU HERE...
OH, AND ONE LAST THING ...
I WAS QUITE TAKEN WITH MARIE, MY-SELF.

BUT YOU CHOSE TITANS OVER HER, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW THAT?
... HAH!
...
MORE INTERESTED IN TITANS THAN MARIE...
THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG WITH YOU!




EVERY-ONE READ IT?
Y-YES.
CAPTAIN LEVI... WHAT IS THIS?
IN-STRUC-TIONS FROM ERWIN.
BWOOSH
DO YOU TRUST HIM?
THOSE DUMB ENOUGH TO SAY YES... COME WITH ME.

THAT WAS CLOSE ...
CAPTAIN... ARE THOSE INTERIOR MPS?
IF WE HAD STAYED ONE MORE NIGHT IN THERE ...?
WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO US...

THEY DIDN'T TAKE ME TOO SERIOUSLY, EITHER ...
I CAN'T IMAGINE THEY'D ACT DIRECTLY ALL THE WAY OUT HERE, BUT...
BEATS ME.
GOOD THING THE MOON'S OUT TONIGHT.
HURRY TO THE RENDEZ-VOUS POINT.
ZAKK
ZAKK
TROST DISTRICT

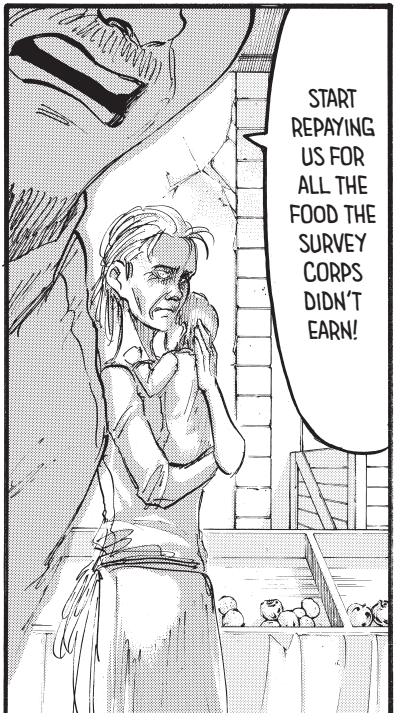
HM ?
AREN'T YOU LEVI?!
HEY...
CHATTER CHATTER
HAH...! I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN HIM ON A HORSE.
HEY, HE'S SMALL ...
THAT'S LEVI, HUMANITY'S STRONGEST SOLDIER!!
I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE, TOO!
IT IS !
YOU'RE IN THE WAY.
...
WE LOST OUT ON A LOT OF WORK BECAUSE OF THAT EVACUATION PLAN YOU SOLDIERS MADE ALL THAT NOISE ABOUT!
COME ON, CAPTAIN. HEAR US OUT!
WE HUMBLE FOLK JUST WANT A WORD WITH YOU.

THE GARRISON RAN OFF SOMEWHERE, AND CROWDS OF THIEVES CAME IN TO TAKE THEIR PLACE.
OUR INCOME'S GONE, AND WE CAN'T EAT.
IT'S NOT JUST US. PEOPLE DON'T COME TO TOWNS BY THE WALL LIKE THIS ONE ANYMORE BECAUSE OF ALL THE UNCERTAINTY.
I THINK I KNOW WHY.
WHY'D THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS? WHY DO THE TITANS KEEP ATTACKING?
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
...BUT TAXES ARE AS HIGH AS EVER.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU IN THE SURVEY CORPS AREN'T WORKING HARD ENOUGH.

YOU LAZE AROUND, GET NOTHING DONE, AND YOU STILL GET TO EAT...
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT FOR YOU PEOPLE, IS IT?

I WORK AND GET NOTHING IN RETURN ALL THE TIME.
I'VE ALWAYS BLAMED MYSELF IF I DON'T MAKE MONEY IN MY BUSINESS.

OUT ON A WALK, WOMEN IN TOW... ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY!
EEK!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, STROLLING THROUGH TOWN LIKE THIS? GOING SHOPPING?
RIGHT?


START REPAYING US FOR ALL THE FOOD THE SURVEY CORPS DIDN'T EARN!

...JUST LEAVE SOME MONEY AND GO AWAY.

IF YOU'VE GOT ANY SHAME AT ALL...

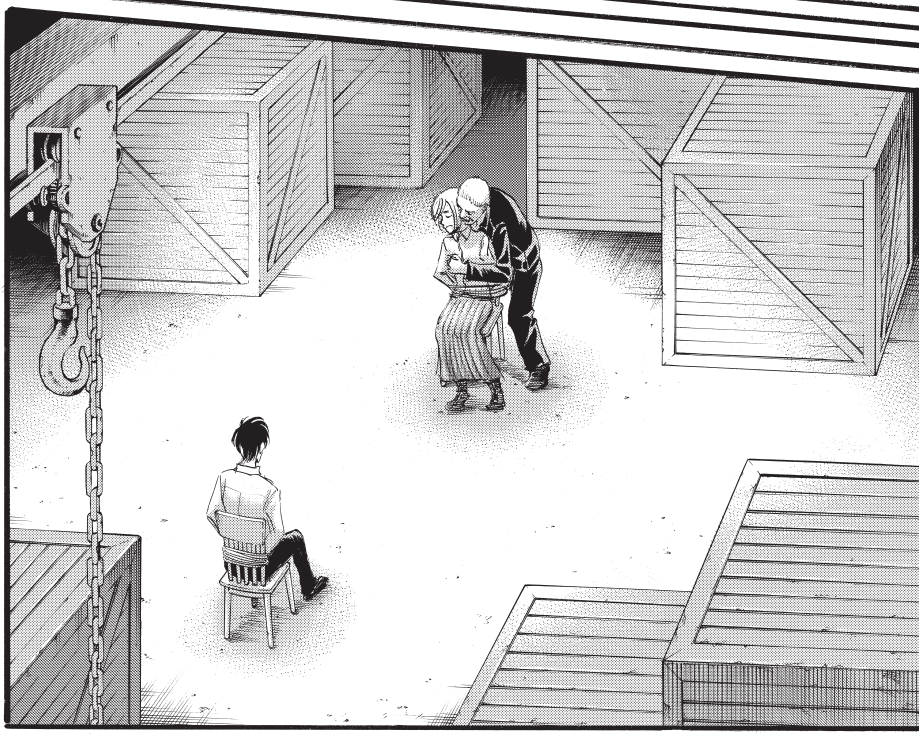
WATCH OUT!
HEY!
...!
WATCH OUT FOR WHAT?
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT, HUMANITY'S STRONGEST SOLDIER?!
THUD
GRAB

THERE'S A CARRIAGE COMING!!
THUD UD UD UD

THUD UD UD
AHH !!
AR— I MEAN.
KRISTA AND EREN!!
THUD UD UD
THEY'VE BEEN KIDNAPPED AGAIN!!

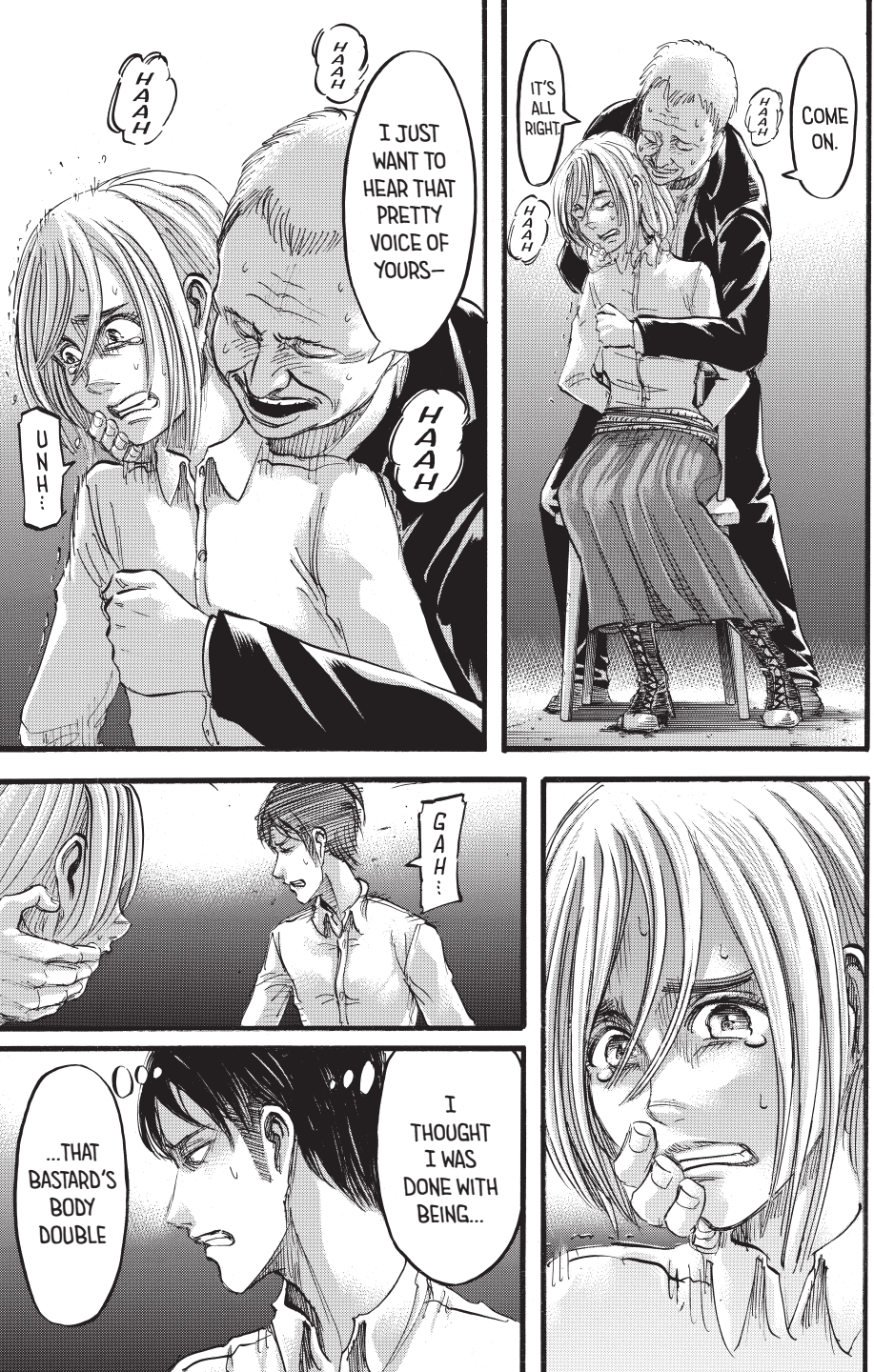
ARE YOU—
H... HEY ...
ROLL
ROLL

HE DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE ME...
WITH THAT HORSE FACE OF HIS...
I HOPE HE'LL BE OKAY...
IF THEY'RE FOUND OUT TOO SOON...
...THEY'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE.



LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICE.

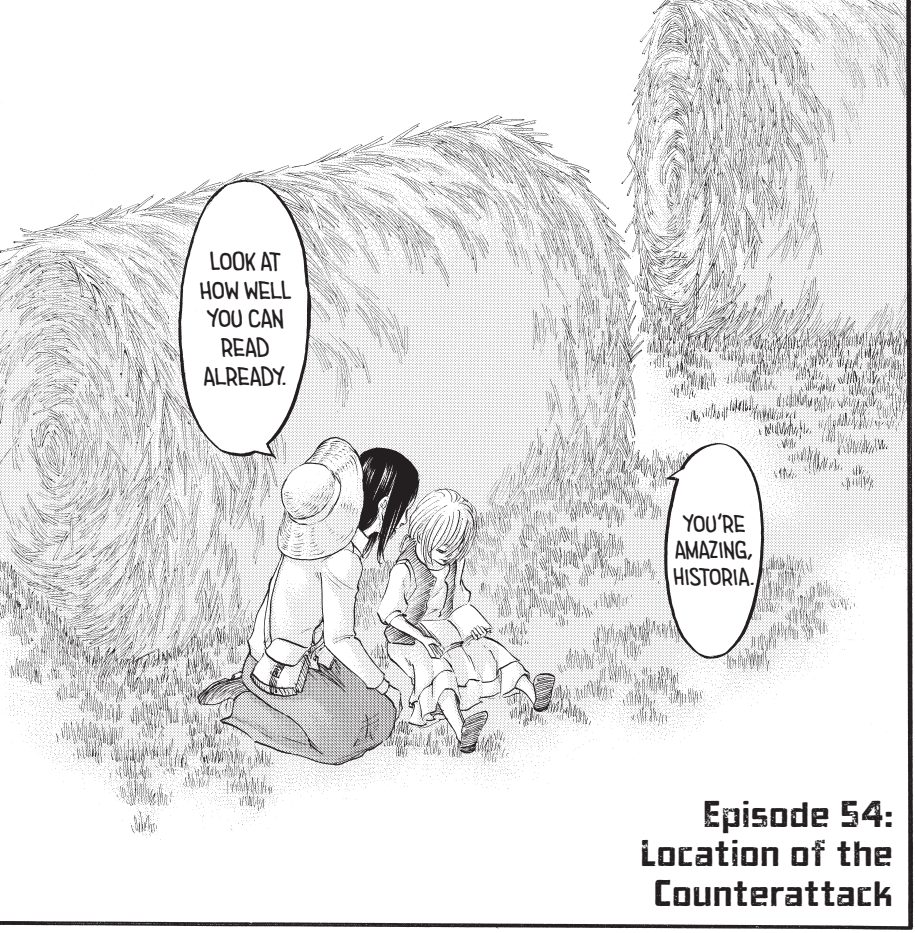
SO... HOW ABOUT IT?


COME ON.
HAAH
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
HAAH
I JUST WANT TO HEAR THAT PRETTY VOICE OF YOURS—
HAAH
HAAH
UNH…
GAH…
I THOUGHT I WAS DONE WITH BEING…
…THAT BASTARD'S BODY DOUBLE

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE INSIDE?
SWOOSH

I SEE.
THEY'RE GOING TO SEE THROUGH ARMIN'S DISGUISE IF WE DON'T HURRY...
HOW'S YOUR LEG?
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM, TOO.
FWOOO
IT'S MOVING PRETTY WELL...
IT'S NOT BAD.

ATTACK
ON TITAN



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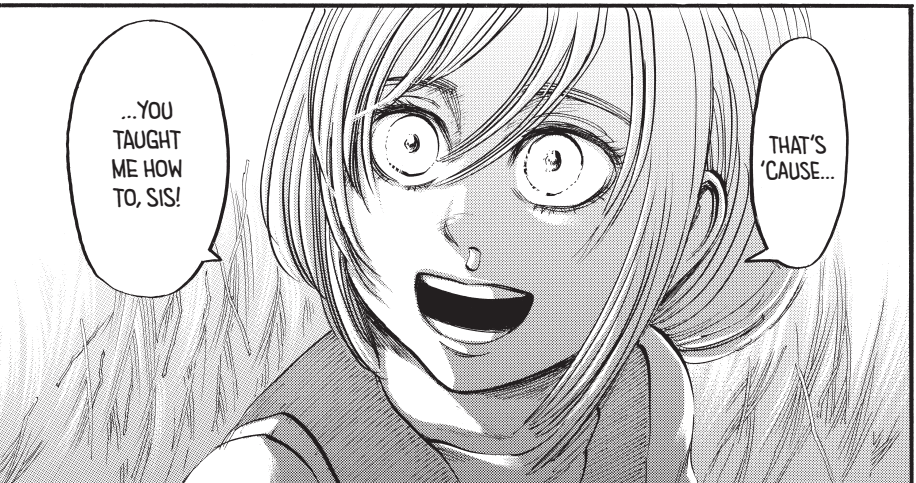
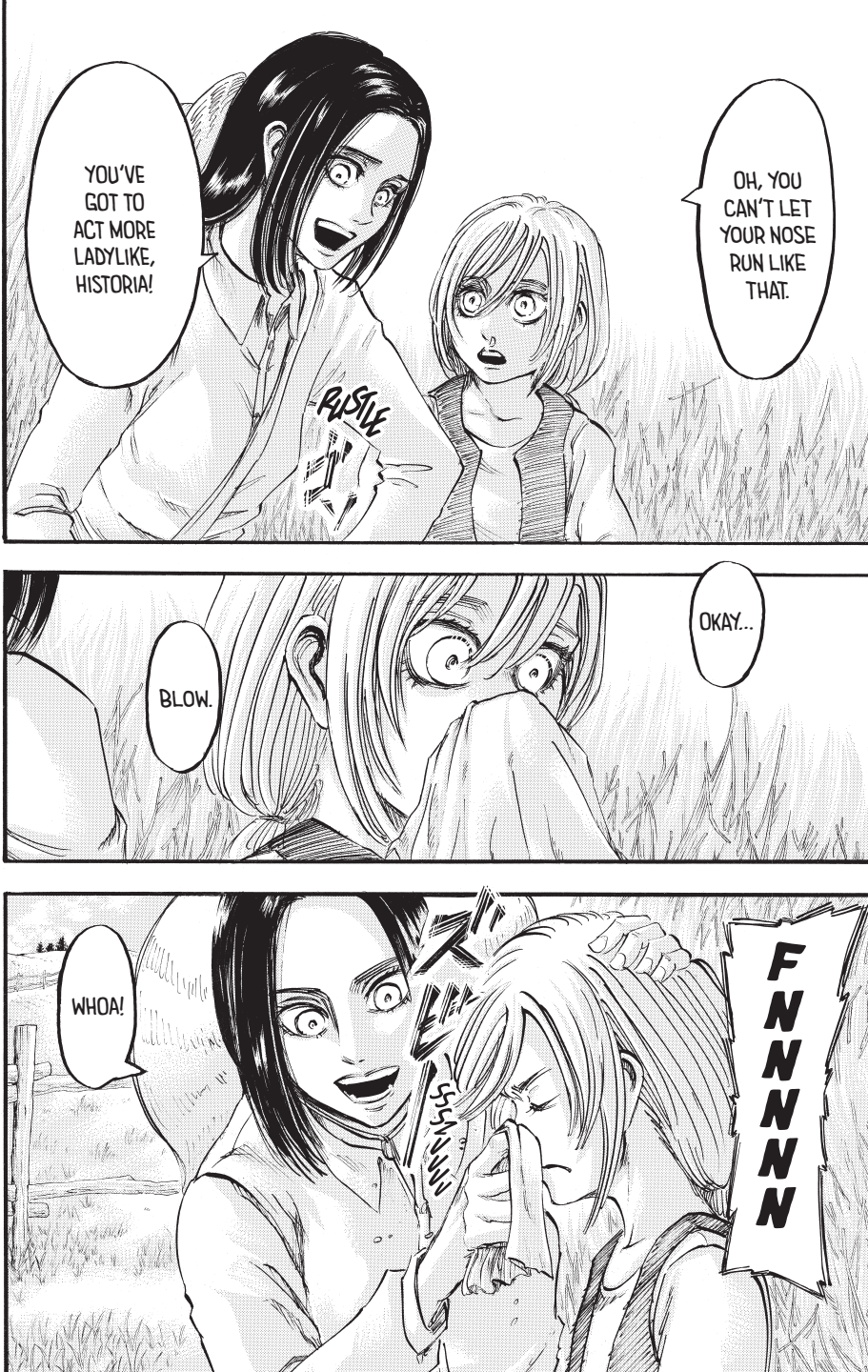
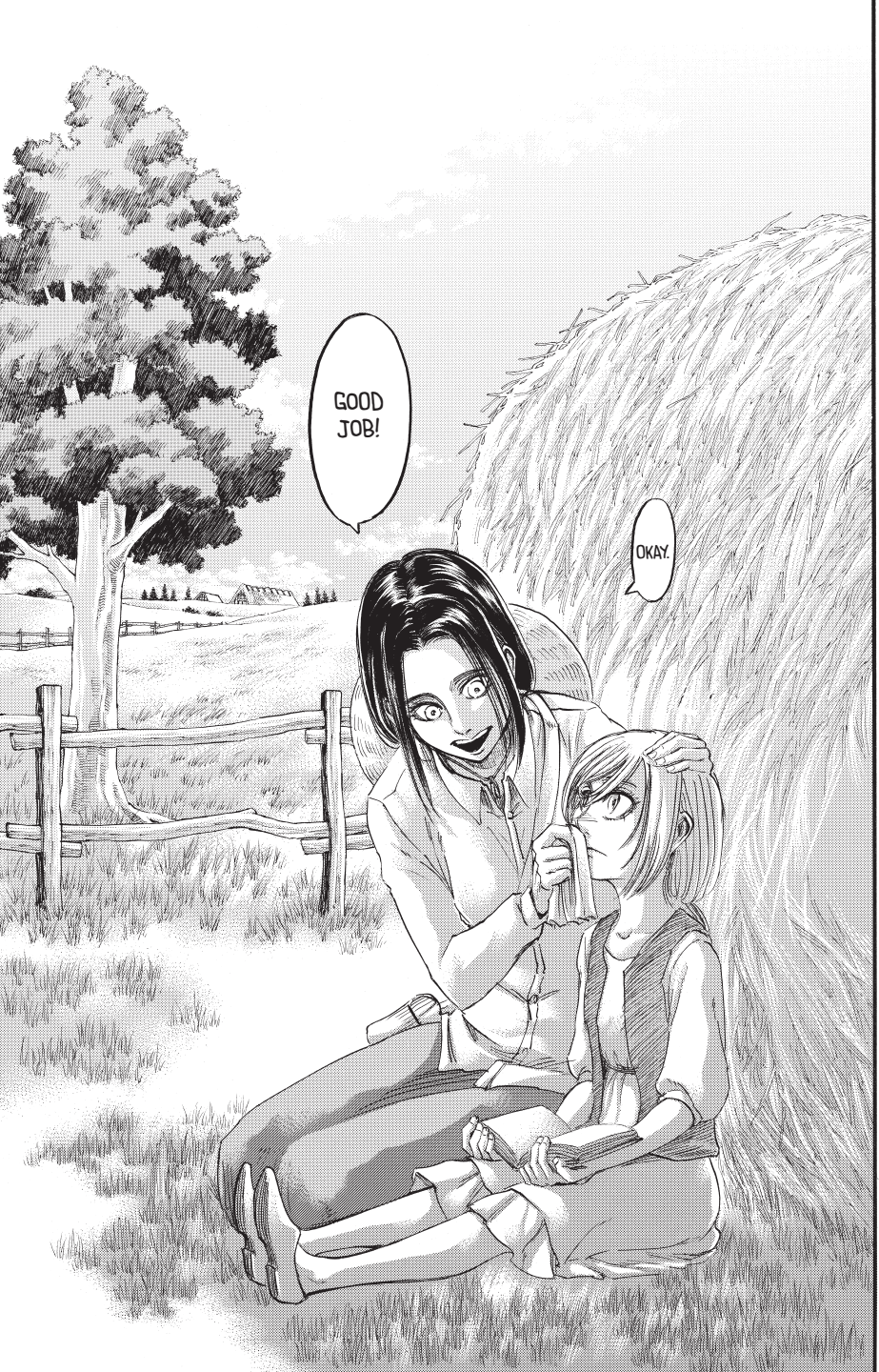
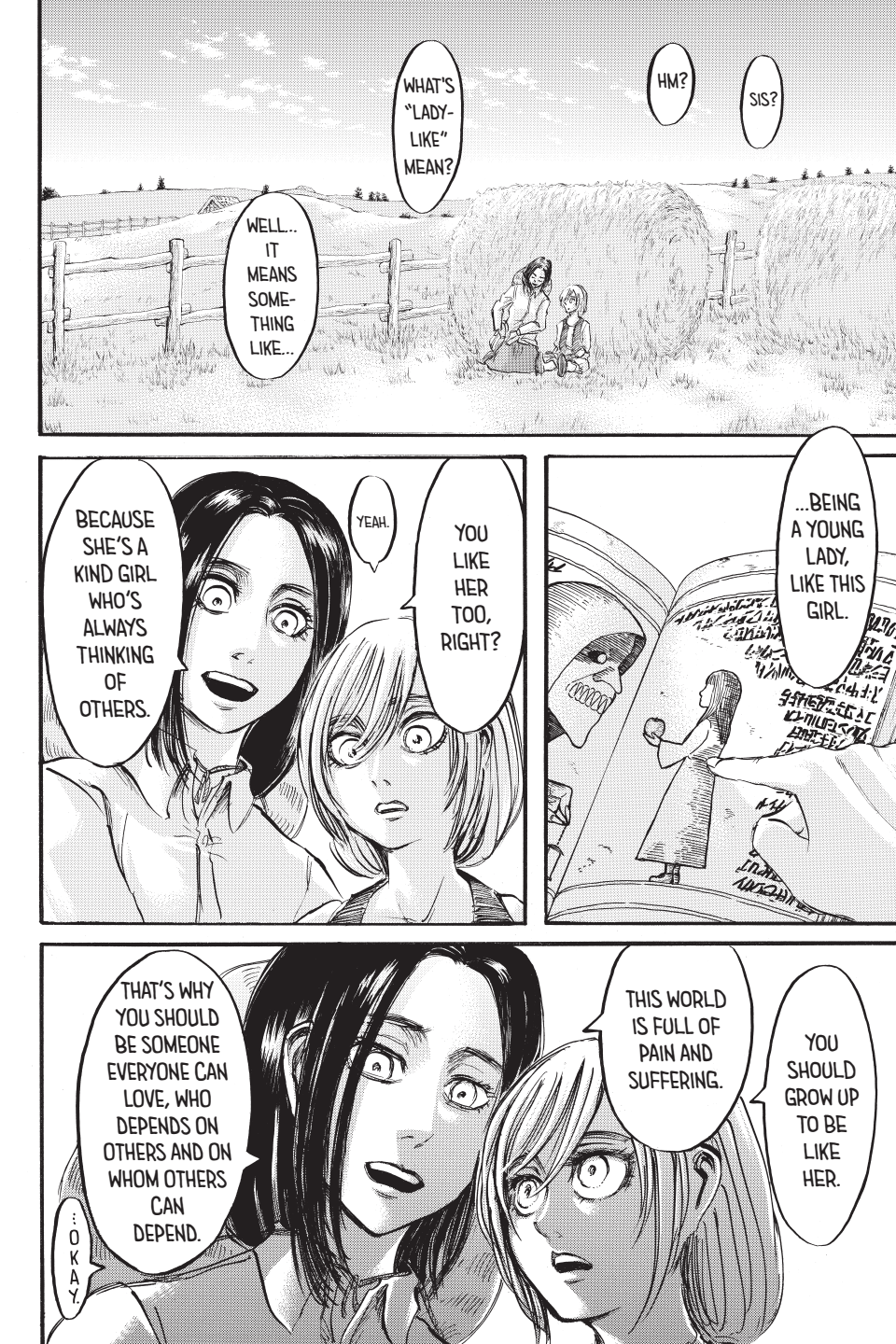
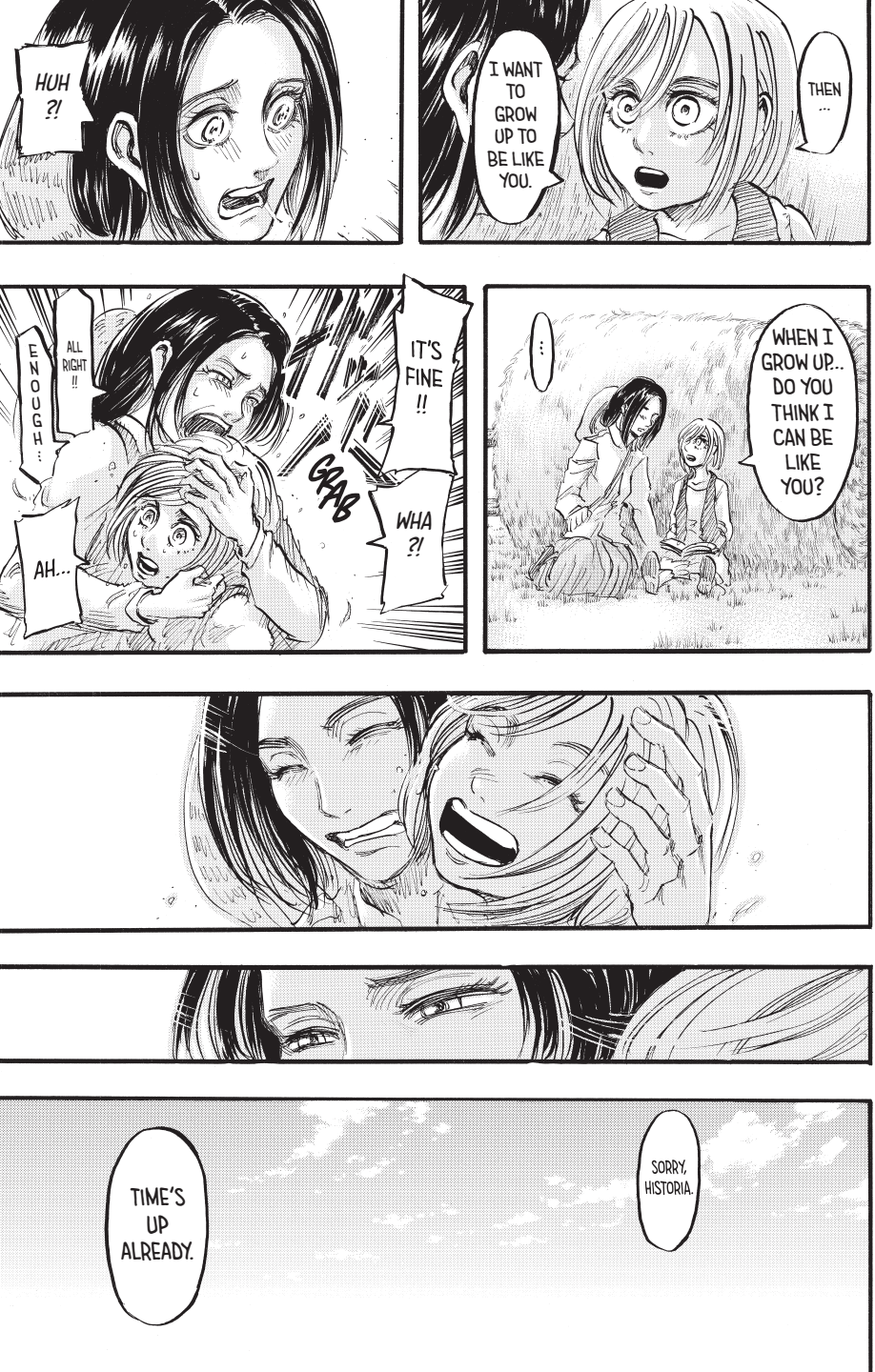
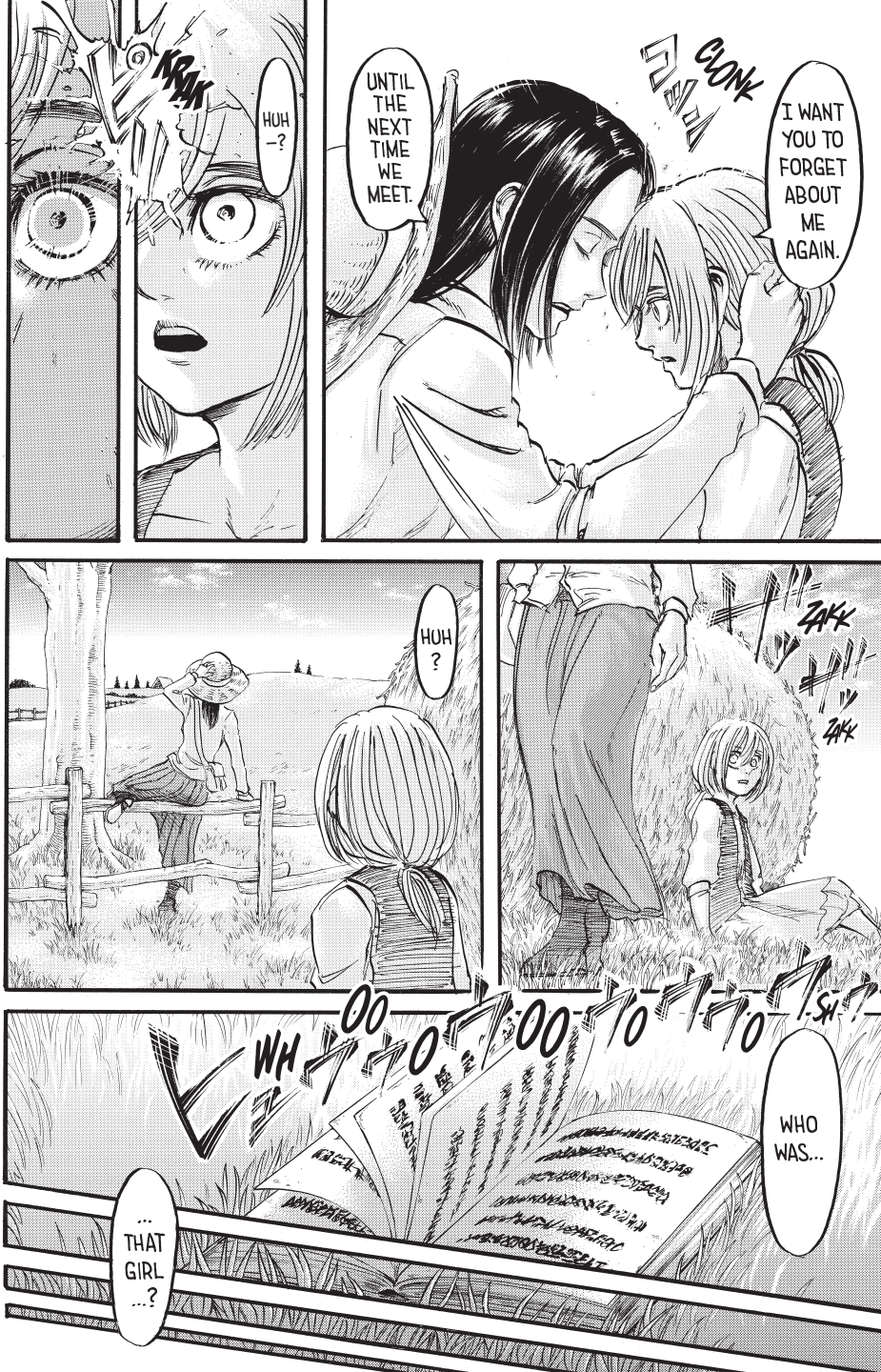


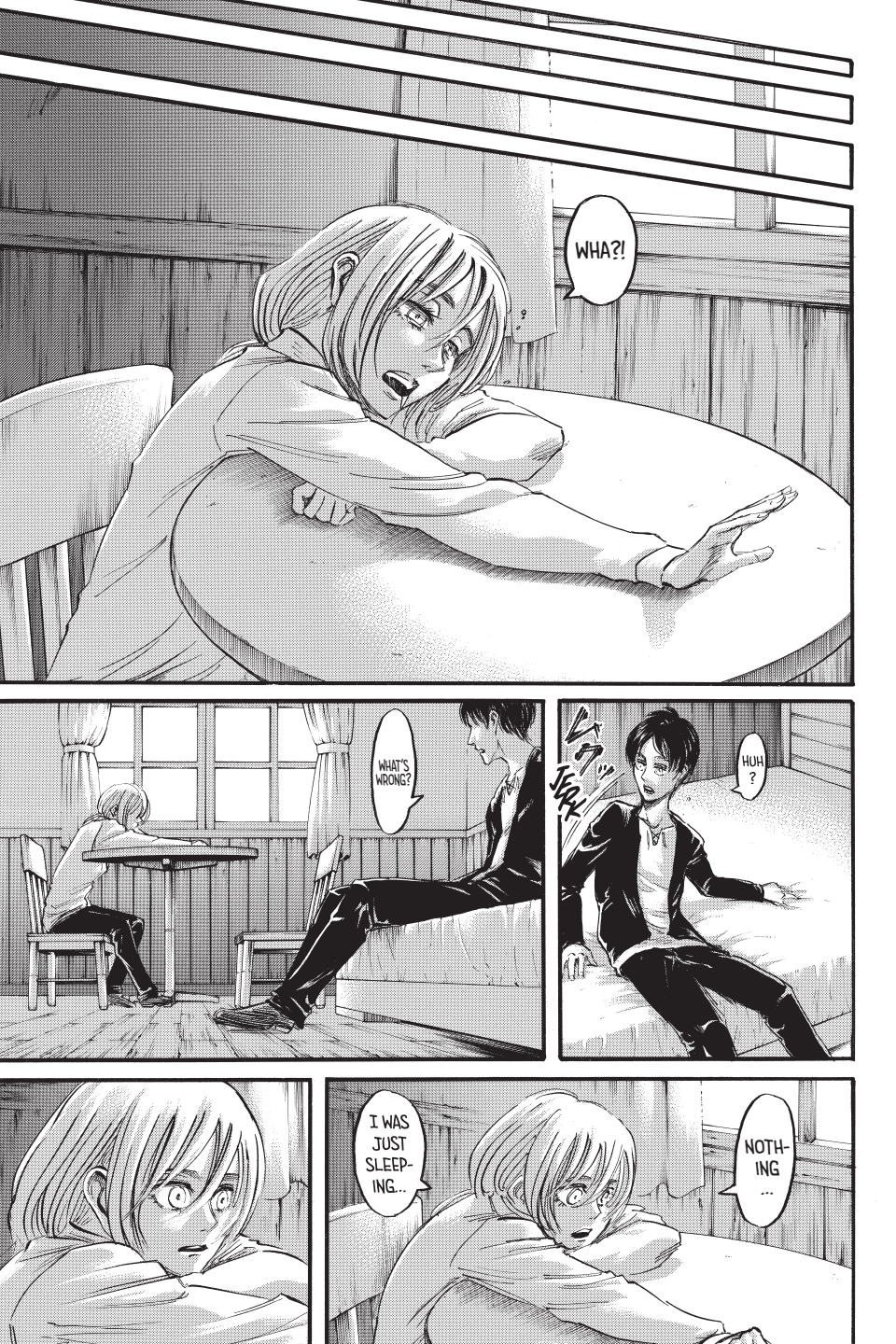

YOU'VE GOT TO ACT MORE LADYLIKE, HISTORIA!
RUSTLE
OH, YOU CAN'T LET YOUR NOSE RUN LIKE THAT.
BLOW.
OKAY...
WHOA!
FNNNNN


GOOD JOB!
OKAY.


WELL... IT MEANS SOME-THING LIKE...
WHAT'S "LADY-LIKE" MEAN?
SIS?
HM?
...BEING A YOUNG LADY, LIKE THIS GIRL.
YOU LIKE HER TOO, RIGHT?
YEAH.
BECAUSE SHE'S A KIND GIRL WHO'S ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS.
YOU SHOULD GROW UP TO BE LIKE HER.
THIS WORLD IS FULL OF PAIN AND SUFFERING.
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD BE SOMEONE EVERYONE CAN LOVE, WHO DEPENDS ON OTHERS AND ON WHOM OTHERS CAN DEPEND.
...OKAY.


HUH ?!
I WANT TO GROW UP TO BE LIKE YOU.
THEN ...
ENOUGH...
ALL RIGHT !!
IT'S FINE !!
GRAB
WHA ?!
AH...
...
WHEN I GROW UP... DO YOU THINK I CAN BE LIKE YOU?
SORRY, HISTORIA.
TIME'S UP ALREADY.


KRAK
HUH—?
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
CLONK
I WANT YOU TO FORGET ABOUT ME AGAIN.
HUH?
ZAKK
ZAKK
WHOOO

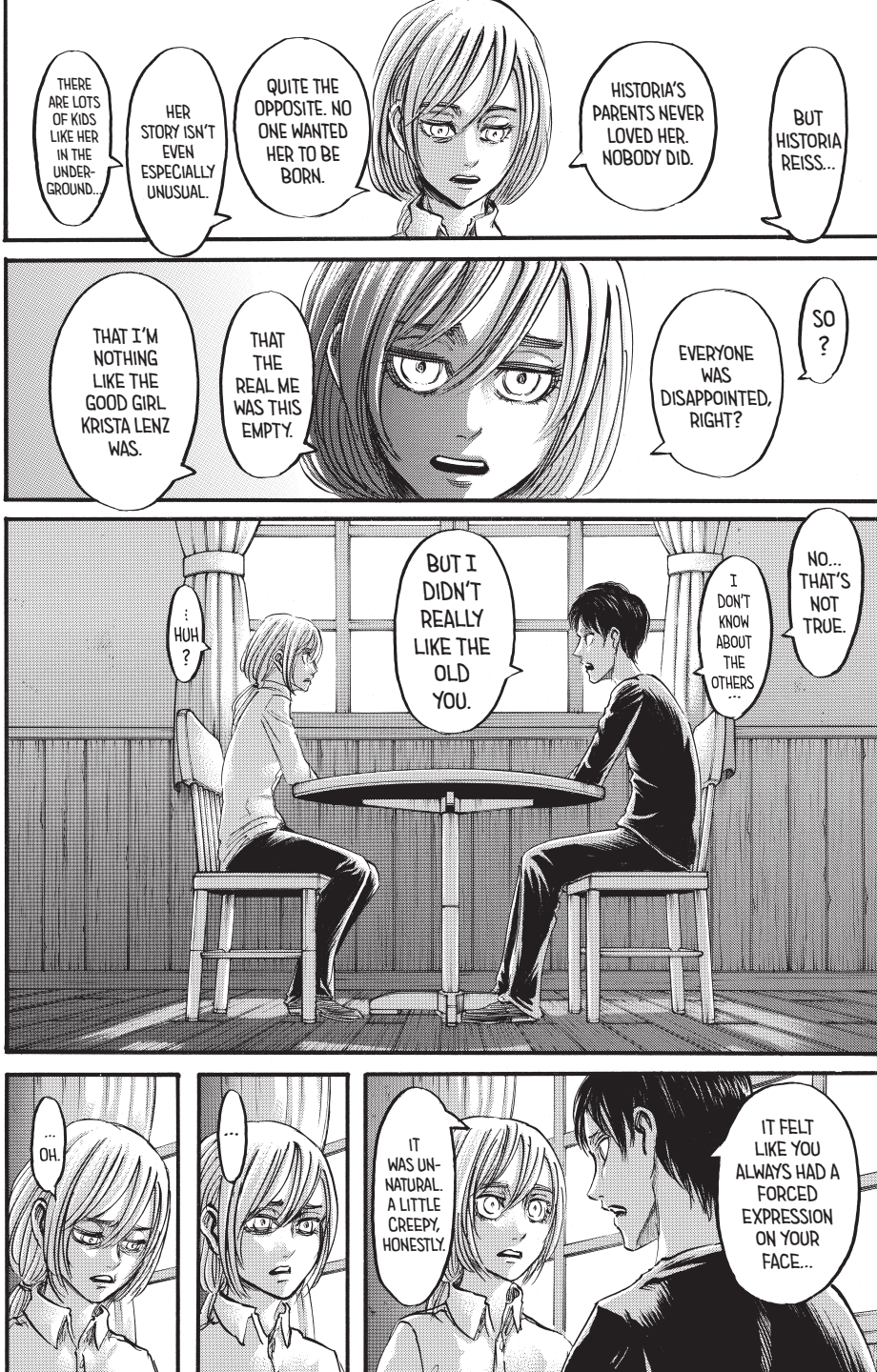

WHA?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH?
I WAS JUST SLEEPING...
NOTHING...

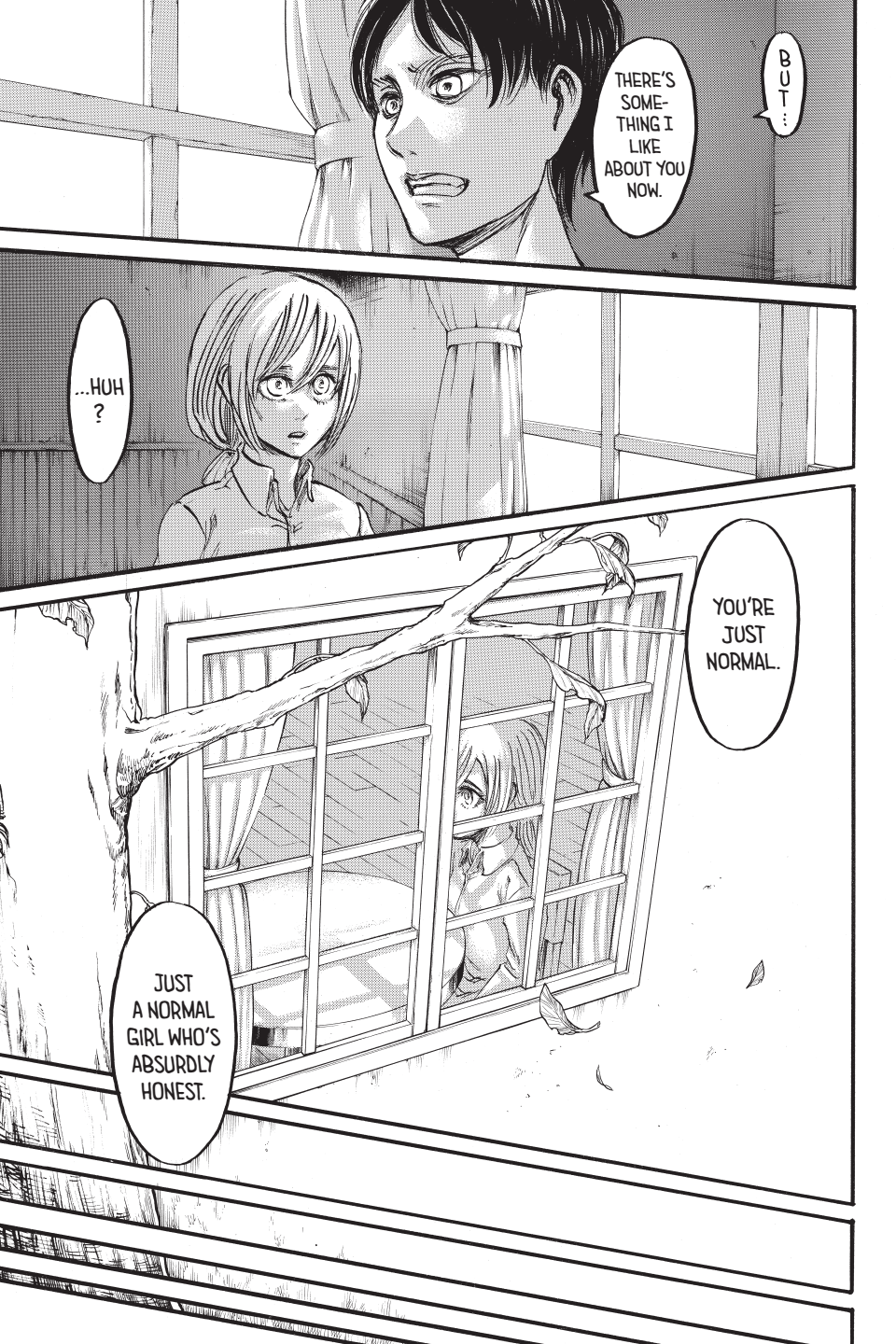
NO, WAIT...
I FEEL LIKE I HAD AN IMPORTANT DREAM...
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT IT.
YEAH.
THAT HAPPENS TO ME A LOT, TOO.
...IT'S ALREADY SO LATE!
THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET...
I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT WITH CAPTAIN LEVI THEY'LL GET RESULTS, BUT...
...ARE WE REALLY UP AGAINST THE REEVES COMPANY?
HUH?
SCRAPE

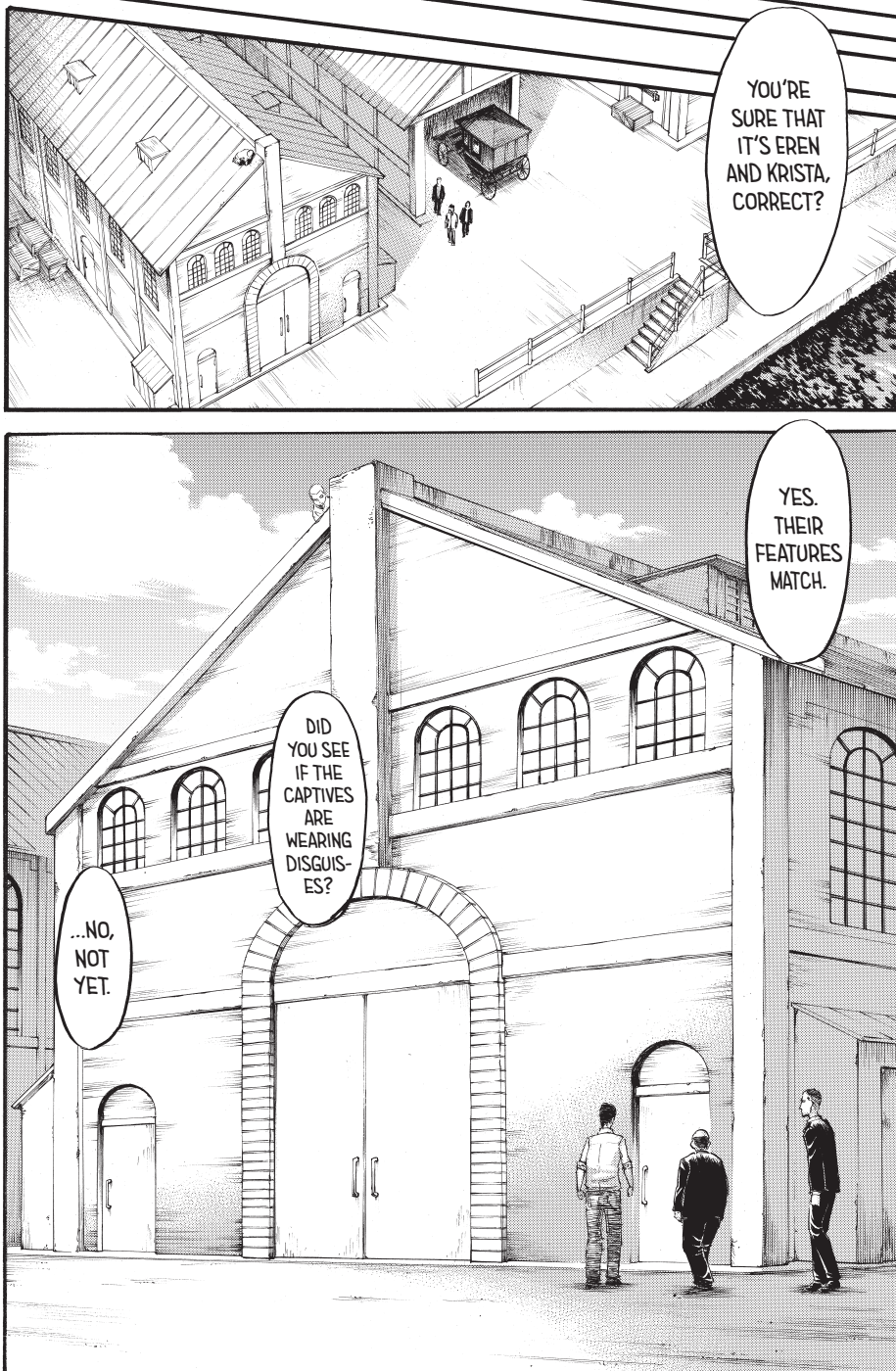
I'M SORRY... I FAILED AS A TITAN...
...AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO WASTE ALL THIS TIME ON TRICKS.
...
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING TO ME?
HUH?
YMIR... YOU WANT TO RESCUE HER NOW, RIGHT?
RESCUE...
I FEEL LIKE IT WOULDN'T BE...
...A RESCUE ANYMORE.
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID.
BACK THEN, YMIR CHOSE WHAT LIFE SHE WOULD LEAD.
I'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE, AND SHE DOESN'T NEED ME TO.
ALL I HAVE NOW... ARE SOME VAGUE FACTS ABOUT MY BIRTH...
...AND A HUGE ROLE THAT I DON'T SEE MYSELF REMOTELY CUT OUT FOR.
SO...
WHAT DO... YOU WANT TO DO?
...
I DON'T KNOW.

NO MATTER HOW HARD IT GETS... YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.
I ENVY YOU, EREN.
...HOW THAT FEELS.
YOU PROBABLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND ...
BUT... AFTER YMIR DISAPPEARED, I STOPPED UNDERSTANDING WHO I AM... AND WHAT I WANT.
YMIR SAW THE REAL ME... THE ME THAT CHOSE THE SURVEY CORPS. THE ME THAT EVEN I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.
THEY ALL HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO THEM THAT THEY'D RISK THEIR LIVES FOR IT.
IT'S NOT JUST YOU. EVERYONE'S THAT WAY...

NO.
I TOTALLY UNDER-STAND.
WE BOTH LIVE IN THIS ABSURD WORLD!
...WHERE IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, WE'LL LOSE EVERY-THING!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FEEL CON-FLICTED.
RIGHT NOW, ARMIN'S TAKING ON A DANGEROUS MISSION AS YOUR BODY DOUBLE.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT HIM?
...
SORRY.
BUT TO BE HONEST, I DON'T SEE WHY.
KRISTA PROBABLY WOULD'VE BEEN WORRIED FOR EVERY-ONE.
KRISTA LENZ WAS A GOOD GIRL.

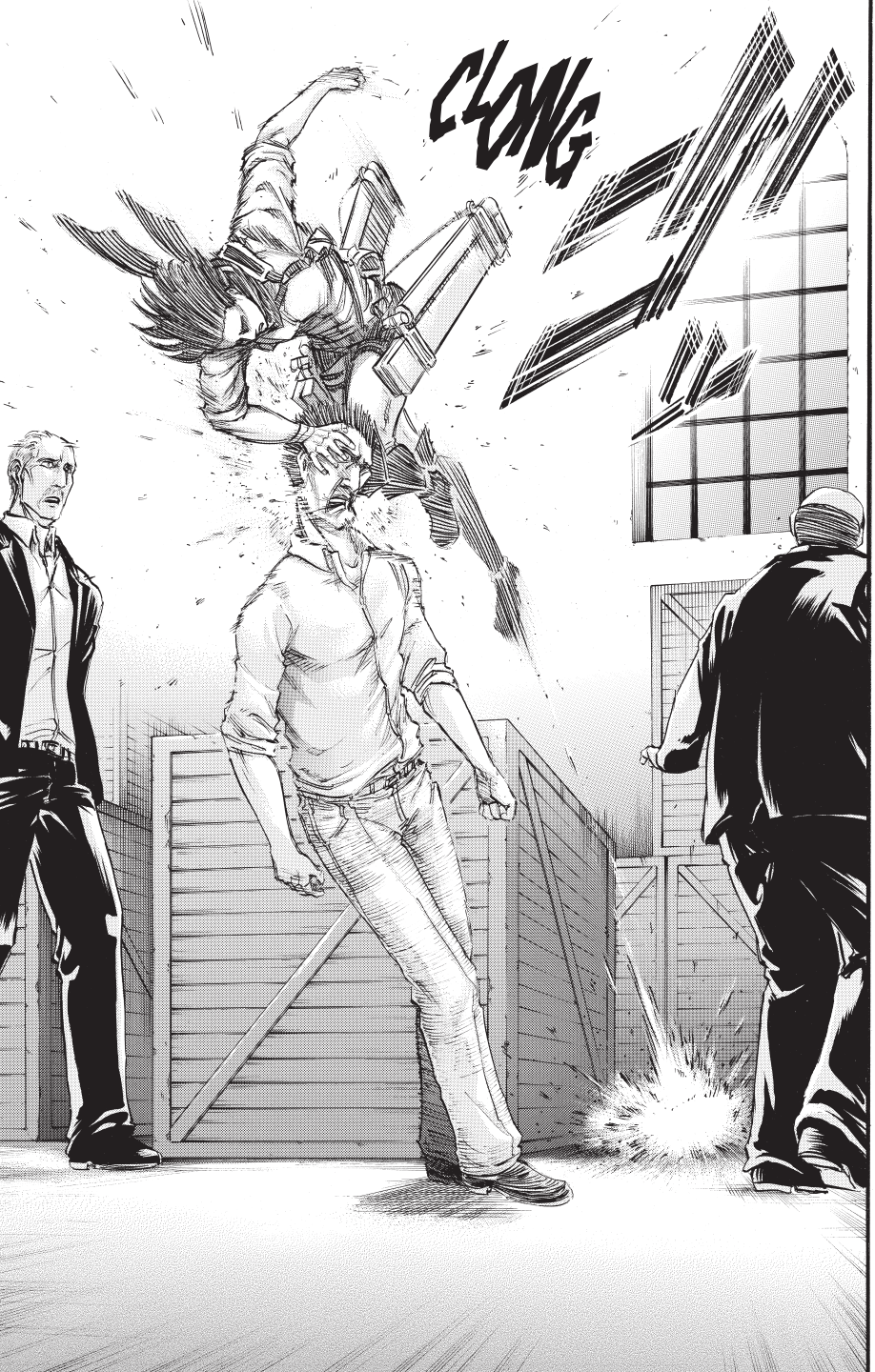

BUT HISTORIA REISS...
HISTORIA'S PARENTS NEVER LOVED HER. NOBODY DID.
QUITE THE OPPOSITE. NO ONE WANTED HER TO BE BORN.
HER STORY ISN'T EVEN ESPECIALLY UNUSUAL.
THERE ARE LOTS OF KIDS LIKE HER IN THE UNDER-GROUND...
SO ?
EVERYONE WAS DISAPPOINTED, RIGHT?
THAT THE REAL ME WAS THIS EMPTY.
THAT I'M NOTHING LIKE THE GOOD GIRL KRISTA LENZ WAS.
NO... THAT'S NOT TRUE.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS ...
BUT I DIDN'T REALLY LIKE THE OLD YOU.
: HUH ?
IT FELT LIKE YOU ALWAYS HAD A FORCED EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE...
IT WAS UN-NATURAL. A LITTLE CREEPY, HONESTLY.
...
OH.


BUT…
THERE'S SOME-THING I LIKE ABOUT YOU NOW.
…HUH?
YOU'RE JUST NORMAL.
JUST A NORMAL GIRL WHO'S ABSURDLY HONEST.

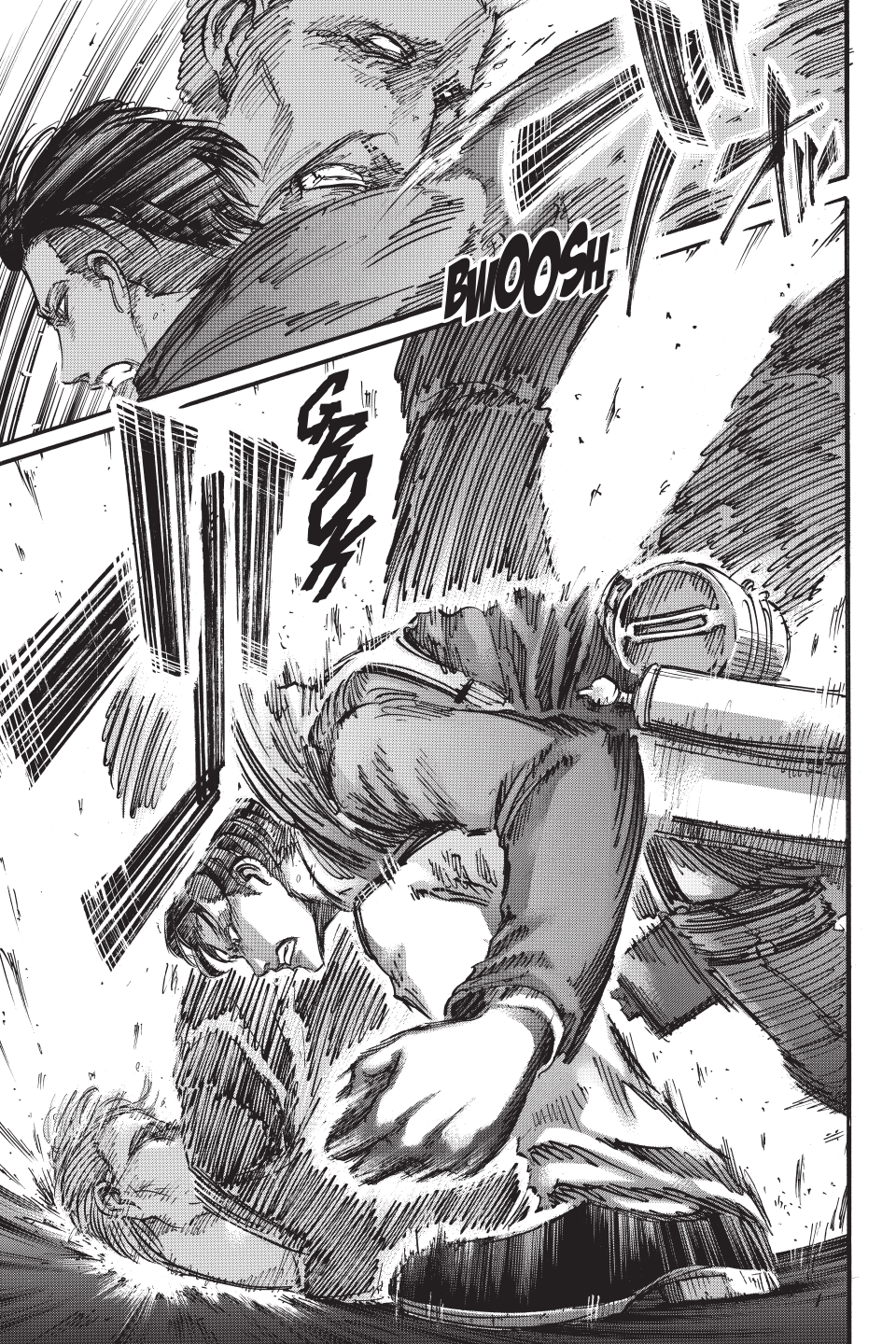

YOU'RE SURE THAT IT'S EREN AND KRISTA, CORRECT?
YES. THEIR FEATURES MATCH.
DID YOU SEE IF THE CAPTIVES ARE WEARING DISGUIS-ES?
...NO, NOT YET.

HONEST-LY, THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE.
HOLD UP ON YOUR REPORT.
...I APOLO-GIZE.
...DO YOU WANT TO MESS EVERY-THING UP AGAIN, YOU DAMNED FOOL?
WHERE'S THE GUARD ...?
HM ...?

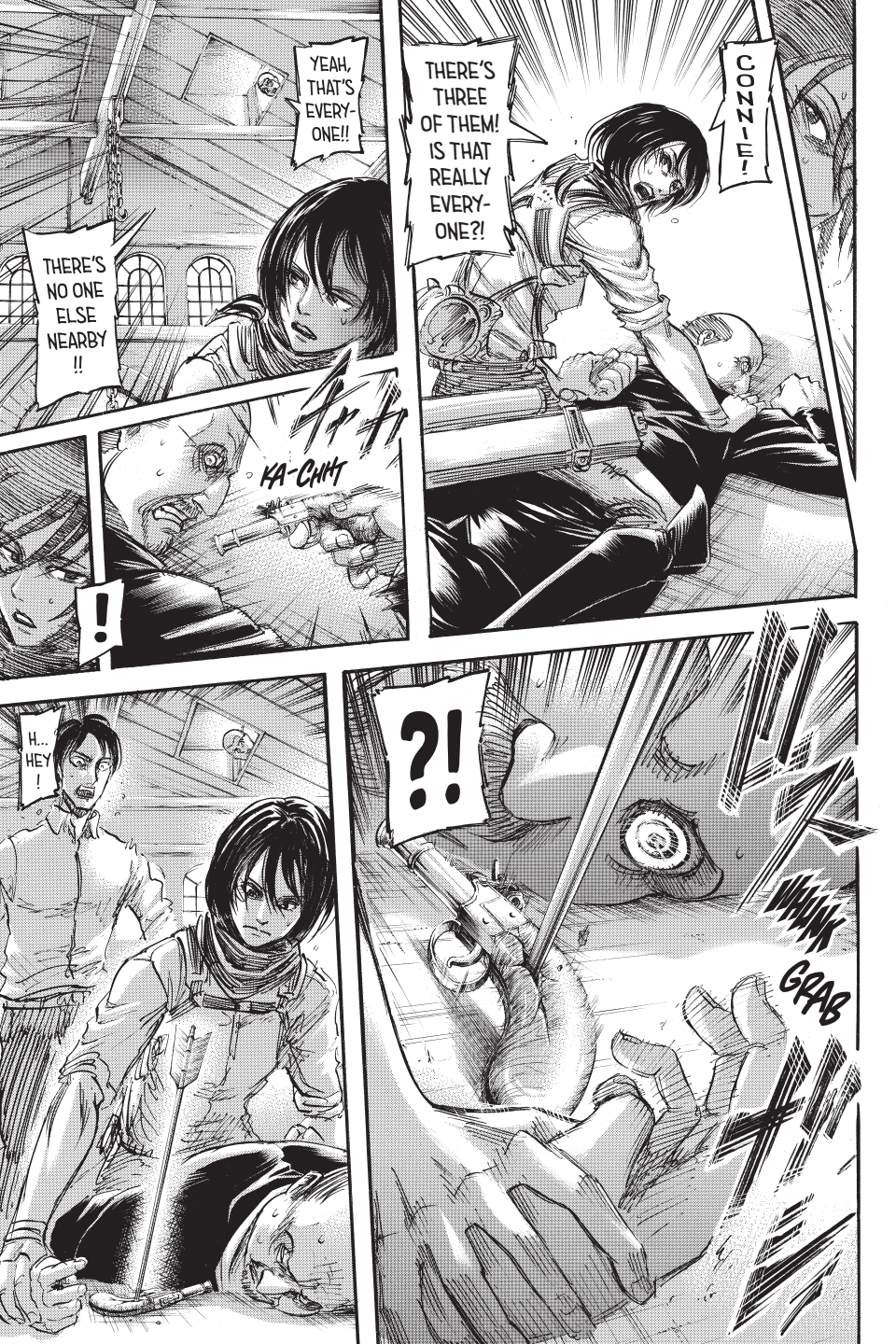
COME ON...
FOR SITUATIONS LIKE THIS...
WE NEED TO START BY STRIPPING OUR CAPTIVES...
KLOK
KLOK
HUNH ?!

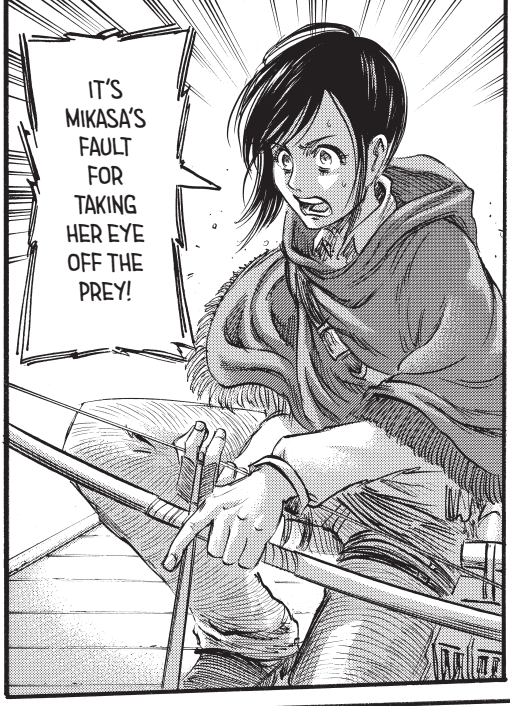

CLANG

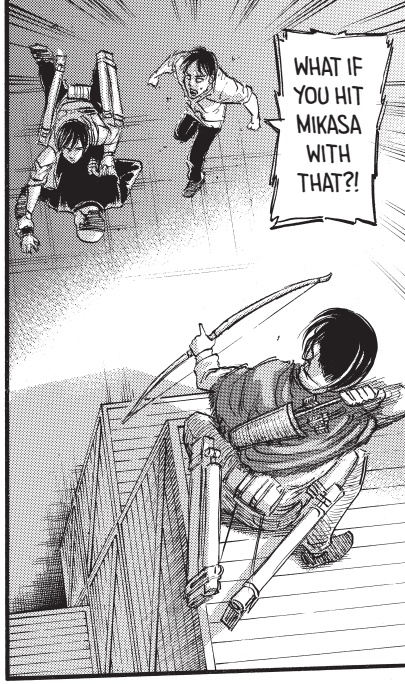
HN ?!
JERK
THUD

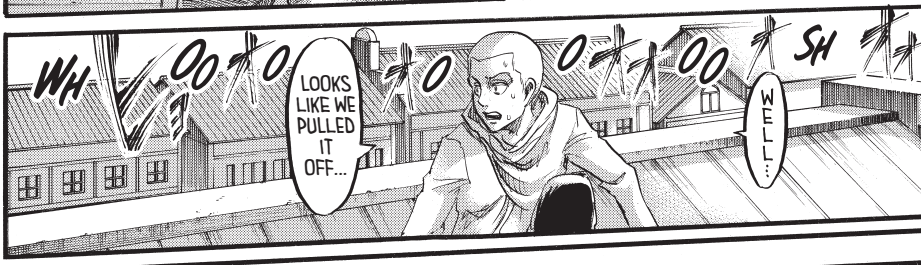

BWOOSH
GROOH

GRAB
FWOOSH
AH!
RATTLE
RATTLE
HURRY!!
GRR
DAMN IT...


CONNIE!
THERE'S THREE OF THEM! IS THAT REALLY EVERY-ONE?!
YEAH, THAT'S EVERY-ONE!!
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE NEARBY !!
KA-CHIK
!
?!
H... HEY !
WHINK
GRAB

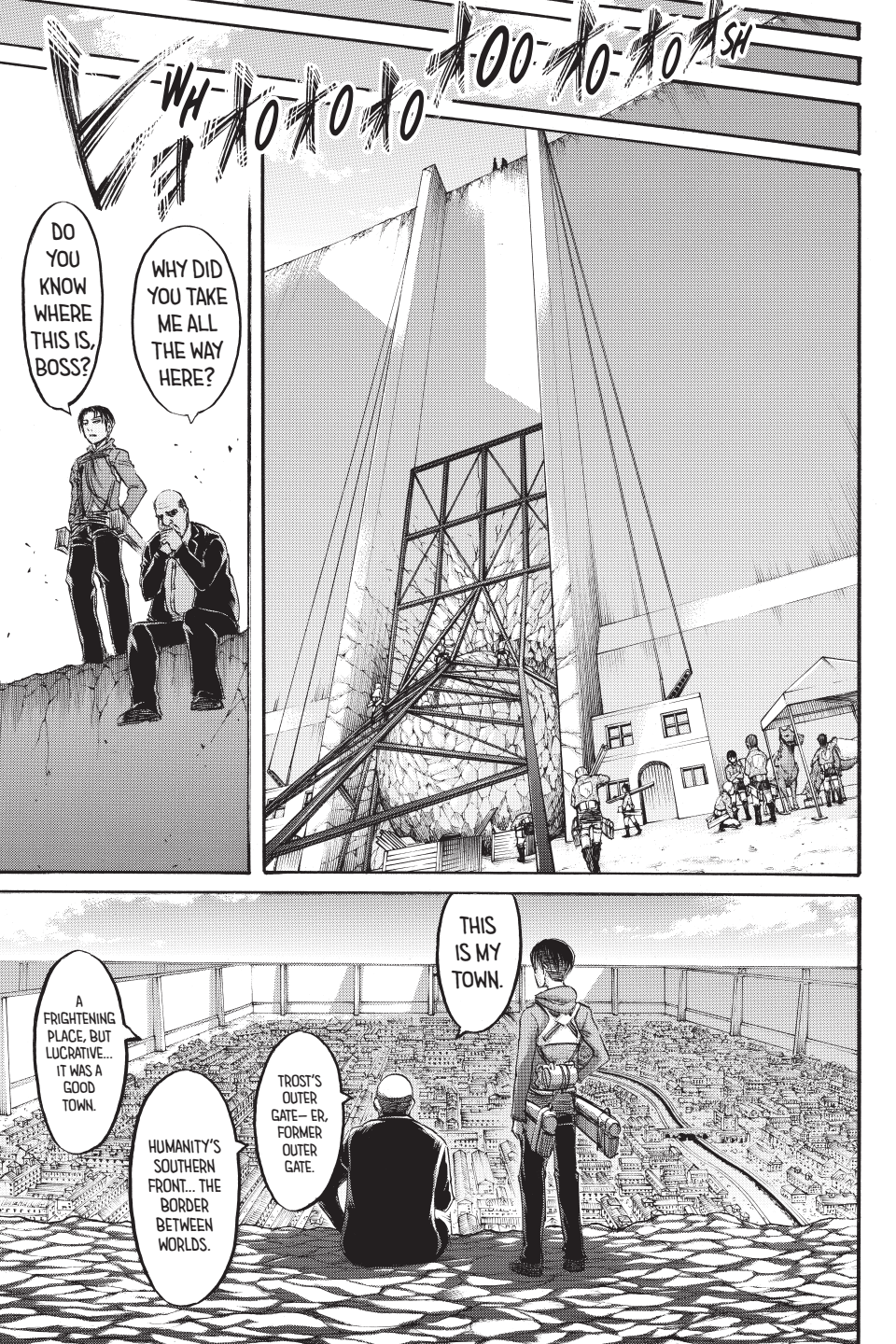

IT'S MIKASA'S FAULT FOR TAKING HER EYE OFF THE PREY!

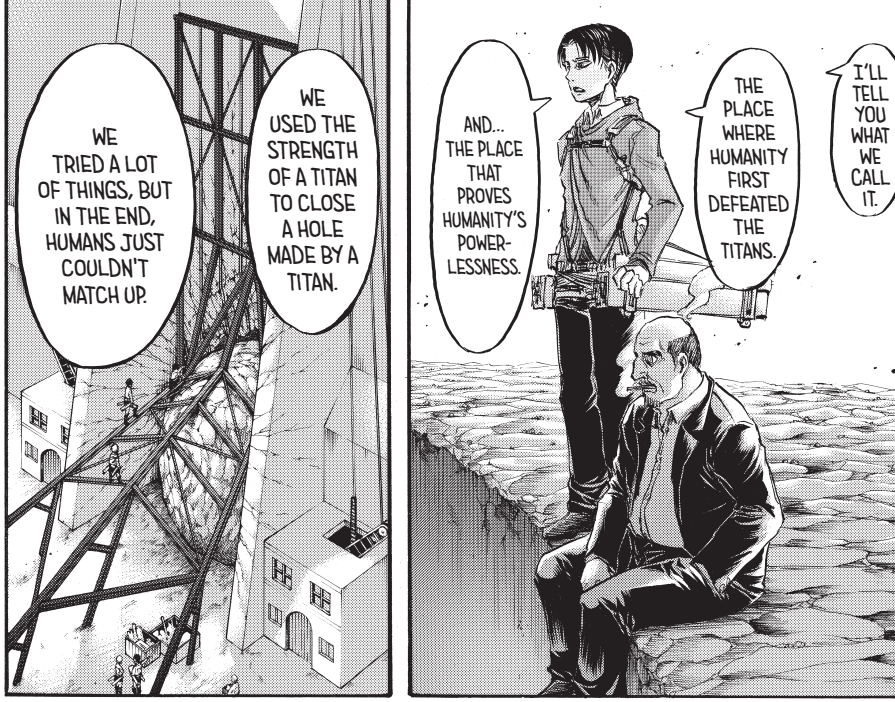

WHAT IF YOU HIT MIKASA WITH THAT?!

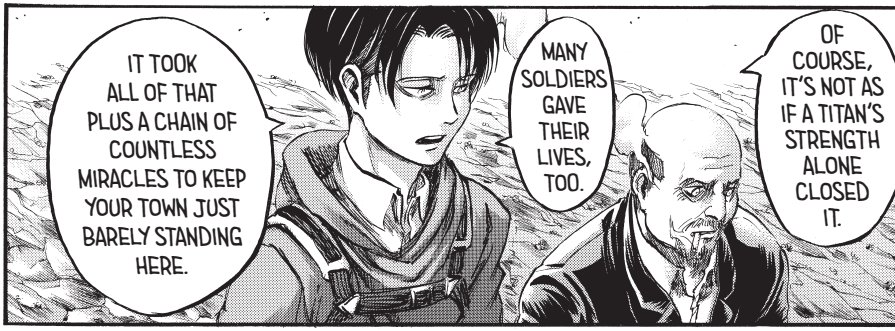

WH
OOOO

NO...
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG! I'M JUST SOMEONE THEY USE TO TRANSPORT CARGO.
I'M NOTHING BUT AN OLD MAN...
SO PLEASE, SIR... BE GENTLE WITH ME.
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING—
OH...
HM?
...OHH.
THAT DAY.
YOU WERE BLOCK-ING A GATE...
I REMEMBER HIS STAFF CALLING HIM "BOSS" IN THE PAST.
AGH.
HEAR THAT?
THIS IS HIM.
BOSS?
BEING IN YOUR NEST MAKES ME FEEL ANTSY... LET'S GET SOME AIR.
FINE.

YES, SIR.
HEY. FIX HIS GAG.
HM?
WE'LL KEEP YOUR UNDERLINGS ON THE FLOOR HERE FOR A LITTLE LONGER.
YOU... YOU'RE REALLY A BOY...
HUH?
I HEARD...
SWIPE
IT'S... ALL YOUR FAULT...
PANT
I USED TO BE NORMAL...
BUT NOW LOOK AT ME.
PANT
YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
ARMIN!
I GOT THIS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP.


WHOOOOOOOOOOOOSH
WHY DID YOU TAKE ME ALL THE WAY HERE?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS, BOSS?
THIS IS MY TOWN.
TROST'S OUTER GATE— ER, FORMER OUTER GATE.
HUMANITY'S SOUTHERN FRONT... THE BORDER BETWEEN WORLDS.
A FRIGHTENING PLACE, BUT LUCRATIVE... IT WAS A GOOD TOWN.

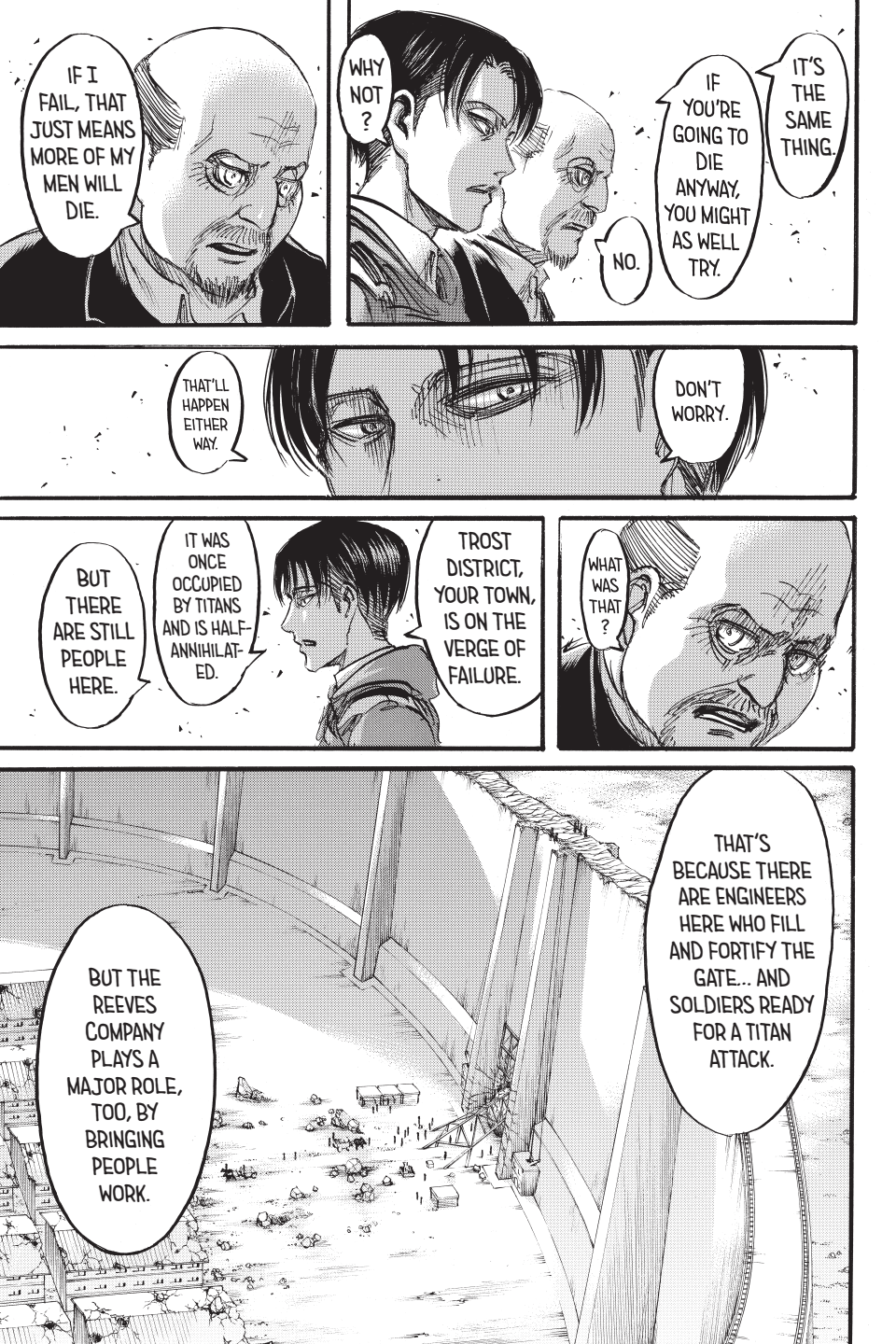

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE CALL IT.
THE PLACE WHERE HUMANITY FIRST DEFEATED THE TITANS.
AND... THE PLACE THAT PROVES HUMANITY'S POWER-LESSNESS.
WE USED THE STRENGTH OF A TITAN TO CLOSE A HOLE MADE BY A TITAN.
WE TRIED A LOT OF THINGS, BUT IN THE END, HUMANS JUST COULDN'T MATCH UP.


OF COURSE, IT'S NOT AS IF A TITAN'S STRENGTH ALONE CLOSED IT.
MANY SOLDIERS GAVE THEIR LIVES, TOO.
IT TOOK ALL OF THAT PLUS A CHAIN OF COUNTLESS MIRACLES TO KEEP YOUR TOWN JUST BARELY STANDING HERE.

AND THE SOURCE OF THOSE MIRA-CLES IS EREN.
HMF.
THAT'S WHO YOU TRIED TO SNATCH FROM US.
SO YOU TOOK ME HERE TO LECTURE ME?
PLEASE, SOLDIER. GIVE ME A BREAK.
BEING UP HERE ISN'T EASY ON MY OLD BODY.

TELL ME, WHAT WAS THE POINT...
...OF THE DEAL YOU MADE WITH THE INTERIOR MPS?
I HATE HAVING TO SEE AN OLD MAN GET CHEWED OUT.
... YOU'RE RIGHT. NEVER MIND.
THE POINT WAS TO FOLLOW THOSE ORDERS SO THAT WE DIDN'T LOSE EVERYTHING.
DEAL ?
THERE WAS NEVER ANY DEAL.
WE FOLLOWED ORDERS WE WERE GIVEN.
ON TOP OF THAT, A FEW OF MY SUBORDINATES AND I... WILL PROBABLY DIE IN SOME SORT OF ACCIDENT TO KEEP OUR MOUTHS SHUT.
EVERYTHING THE REEVES COMPANY HAS IS GOING TO BE SEIZED BY THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT ON WHATEVER CHARGES THEY COME UP WITH. MY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BE THROWN ONTO THE STREETS.
BUT THE NIGHT RAID FAILED, AND SO DID THE KIDNAP-PING.
WHOOOOOOOSH
THOSE GUYS IN THE INTERIOR ARE IDIOTS.
BUT I DO HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, SOLDIER.

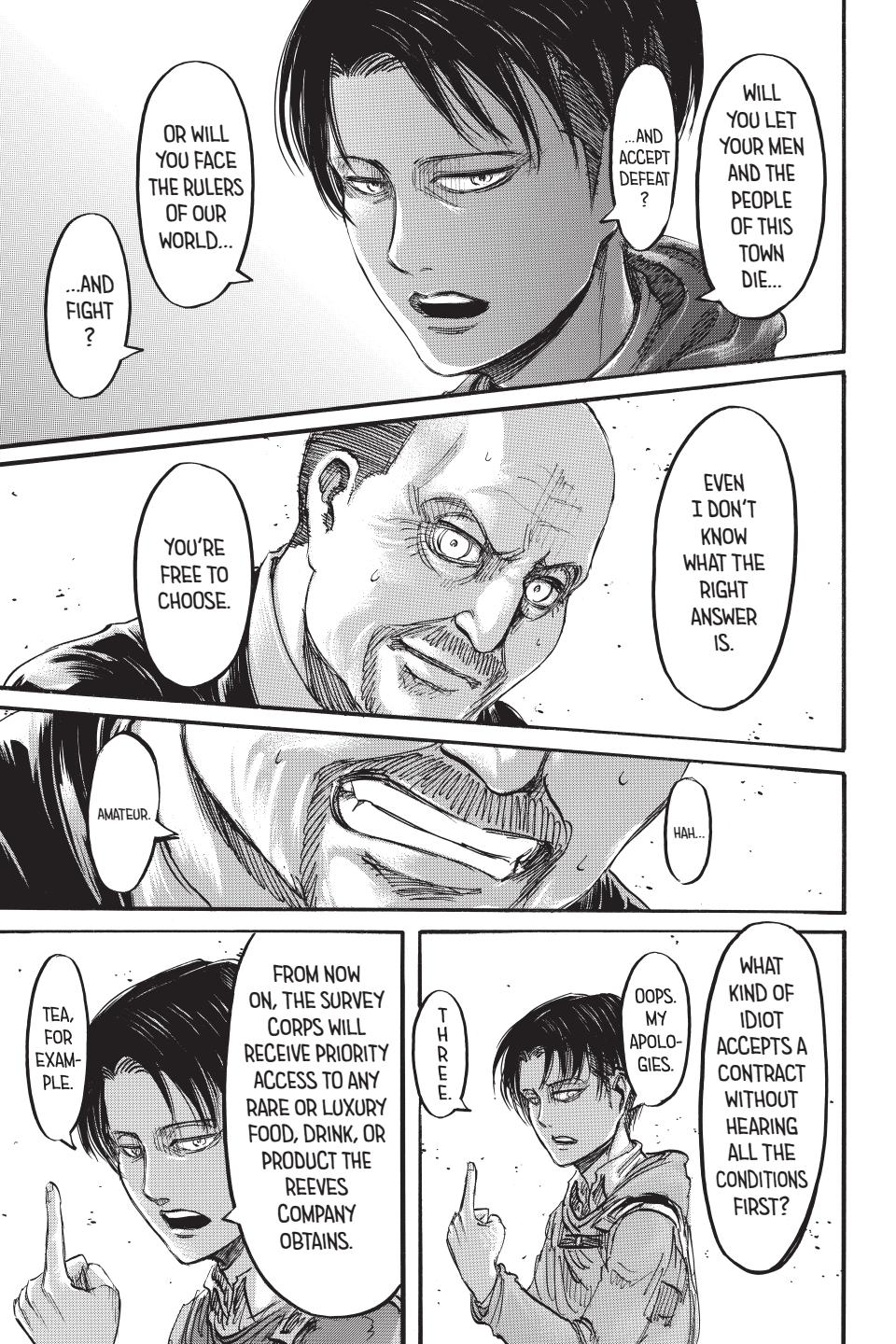
HAHAHA
HAHA HA
I MEAN, THAT GIRL OVER THERE BROUGHT US DOWN SINGLE-HANDED!
IT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
DAHAHAHA
HOW ARE A HANDFUL OF CHEAP THUGS LIKE US SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU? WHAT A BUNCH OF MORONS.
YOU PEOPLE GO OUT TO FIGHT AND KILL TITANS.
WHOOOOOSH
I UNDER-STAND THAT MUCH ...
YEAH... WE'RE APPAR-ENTLY UP AGAINST FOOLS.
GOOD TIP, RIGHT ?
WHAT DO YOU SAY, SOLDIER ?
HUH ?
...BUT WHY ARE YOU LETTING THESE FOOLS KILL YOU OFF, BOSS?
BUT WE CAN KILL THE TITANS, TOO.
...I SEE. THAT'S TRUE.
THE FOOLS THAT KILL AND EAT YOU PEOPLE DON'T EVEN WEAR CLOTHES, RIGHT?
THEY'RE DUMB, BUT THEY'RE THE RULERS OF OUR WORLD.


IF I FAIL, THAT JUST MEANS MORE OF MY MEN WILL DIE.
WHY NOT?
NO.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL TRY.
IT'S THE SAME THING.
THAT'LL HAPPEN EITHER WAY.
DON'T WORRY.
BUT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE HERE.
IT WAS ONCE OCCUPIED BY TITANS AND IS HALF-ANNIHILATED.
TROST DISTRICT, YOUR TOWN, IS ON THE VERGE OF FAILURE.
WHAT WAS THAT?
BUT THE REEVES COMPANY PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE, TOO, BY BRINGING PEOPLE WORK.
THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE ENGINEERS HERE WHO FILL AND FORTIFY THE GATE... AND SOLDIERS READY FOR A TITAN ATTACK.

IF THAT HAPPENS, YOUR EMPLOYEES WON'T BE THE ONLY ONES OUT ON THE STREET... IT'LL BE EVERYONE LIVING HERE, EXCEPT THE SOLDIERS.
AT THIS RATE, THOUGH, THE REEVES COMPANY WILL DISAPPEAR. THAT WILL BE THE FINAL BLOW TO THIS TOWN. IT'LL STOP FUNCTIONING ENTIRELY.
... COUNTLESS PEOPLE WILL DIE.
WELL... IT'S INEVITABLE NOW. BECAUSE YOU WON'T GIVE US EREN AND KRISTA...
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. BEING KILLED BY THE INTERIOR MPS WOULD STILL BE A MORE MERCIFUL WAY TO GO.
HOW MANY OF THEM WILL MAKE IT THROUGH THE WINTER?
I'LL GIVE YOU EREN AND KRISTA.
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.
TO KEEP THE PEOPLE HERE FROM DYING OUT, WILL YOU HAND OVER YOUR TWO TREASURES?
SO?

HUH?!
WHA?
FROM NOW ON, THE REEVES COMPANY WILL JOIN THE SURVEY CORPS IN OPPOSING THE INTERIOR MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, AS WELL AS THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS DECREES.
ONE.
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT THREE CONDITIONS.
CAPTAIN LEVI?!

TWO.
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO START A WAR?!
WHAT ...?!
THE REEVES COMPANY WILL TRUST THE SURVEY CORPS WHOLE-HEARTEDLY.
MER-CHANTS ?
WE MERCHANTS ONLY USE THAT WORD AS A JOKE, YOU KNOW.
TRUST YOU?
I'M ASKING YOU ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. WHAT KIND OF MAN ARE YOU?
I'M NOT SPEAKING TO A MERCHANT. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU. DIMO REEVES.

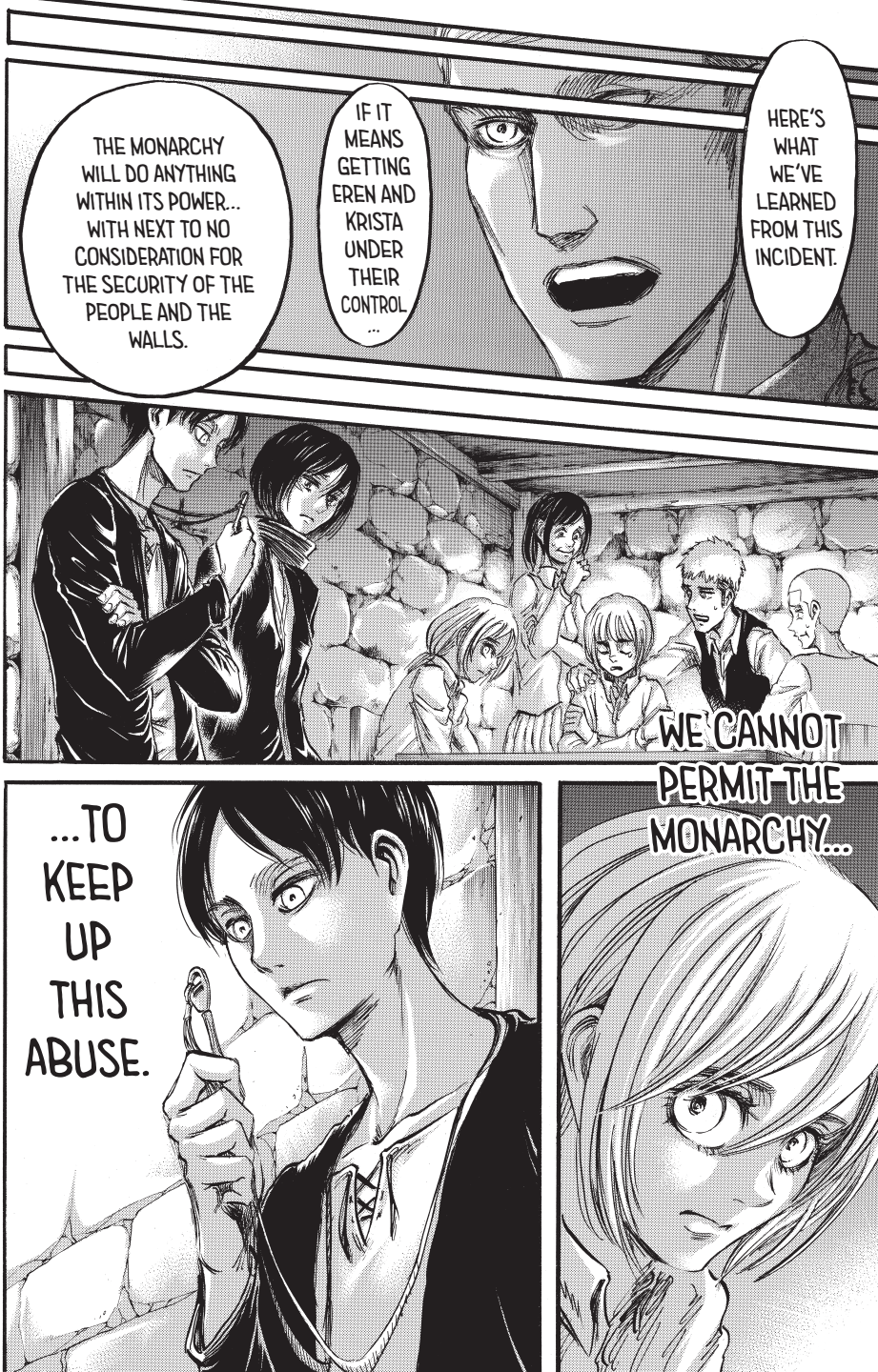

WILL YOU LET YOUR MEN AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN DIE...
...AND ACCEPT DEFEAT?
OR WILL YOU FACE THE RULERS OF OUR WORLD...
...AND FIGHT?
EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT ANSWER IS.
YOU'RE FREE TO CHOOSE.
HAH...
AMATEUR.
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT ACCEPTS A CONTRACT WITHOUT HEARING ALL THE CONDITIONS FIRST?
OOPS. MY APOLOGIES.
THREE.
FROM NOW ON, THE SURVEY CORPS WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY ACCESS TO ANY RARE OR LUXURY FOOD, DRINK, OR PRODUCT THE REEVES COMPANY OBTAINS.
TEA, FOR EXAMPLE.

...
SEEMS YOU'RE EVEN GREEDIER THAN A MERCHANT.
...SASHA...
HEY?!
THAT'S A FANTASTIC CONDITION, CAPTAIN!
FANTASTIC!
YOU'RE A SMART MAN.
I LIKE THAT.
WHOOOOOOOOOOOSH
WE HAVE A DEAL.
GRRRN...

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
HEY! REEVES! ARE EREN AND KRISTA REALLY UP HERE?!
YES! EREN HAS USED UP HIS TITAN POWERS AND I'VE TRAPPED HIM IN A CAVE!
YOU MPS HAVE TO HURRY!
CLONK

MISTER SANNES!
AH!!
GRRKK
WHOOOOOSH
AAAAAAHHH!

I CAN'T BE-LIEVE THIS ...!
MY MEN ...
MY HORSES...
HEY! DO SOME-THING! OUR MISSION IS—
DAMN IT! THIS IS ALL BECAUSE THEY RUSHED MY HORSES!!
HOW MANY TIMES DID I TELL THEM WE COULDN'T GET THROUGH HERE TODAY?!
...
THOSE STUPID BAS-TARDS!
F-FOR NOW ...
I'LL SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY !!
DASH
IT WORKED...
BUT ONLY FOR NOW.
THIS WILL ONLY BUY US TIME.
THIS PREPOSTEROUS BATTLE... IS ONLY JUST BEGINNING.


HERE'S WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM THIS INCIDENT.
IF IT MEANS GETTING EREN AND KRISTA UNDER THEIR CONTROL...
THE MONARCHY WILL DO ANYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER... WITH NEXT TO NO CONSIDERATION FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE AND THE WALLS.
WE CANNOT PERMIT THE MONARCHY...
...TO KEEP UP THIS ABUSE.

AH!
WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS ABSURD SITUATION TO CONTINUE...
YOU'RE AWAKE, SANNES.
...AS WE COUNT DOWN THE DAYS TO HUMANITY'S EXTINCTION.

THESE MEASURES ARE NOW...
...THE ONLY WAY FOR HUMANITY TO SURVIVE.

WE'LL USE OUR STRENGTH ...
...TO OVERTHROW THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT.
...AND WE WILL SEIZE CONTROL OVER WHAT'S LEFT OF HUMANITY INSIDE THESE WALLS.
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"Knocking on my heart's door"
"Spread your wings and fly"
"Close your eyes"
"The impossible dream of seeing you"
"I want to believe in miracles"
I JUST WANT TO SEE YOU !!
FORGET ABOUT TITANS, I DON'T CARE ...!!
"Sleepless nights"
"The changing streets"
"It didn't matter who, I just wanted to kill someone"
Next Volume: The J-pop Nightmare Arc!
COMING SOON!

"Under the same stars"

"We were both so clumsy"

"We hurt each other"

"Miracles"

"These anxious feelings"

"I truly want to see you"

"These unending raindrops"

"Sakura"

"See you"

"I can't see you"

Will Eren see him?!

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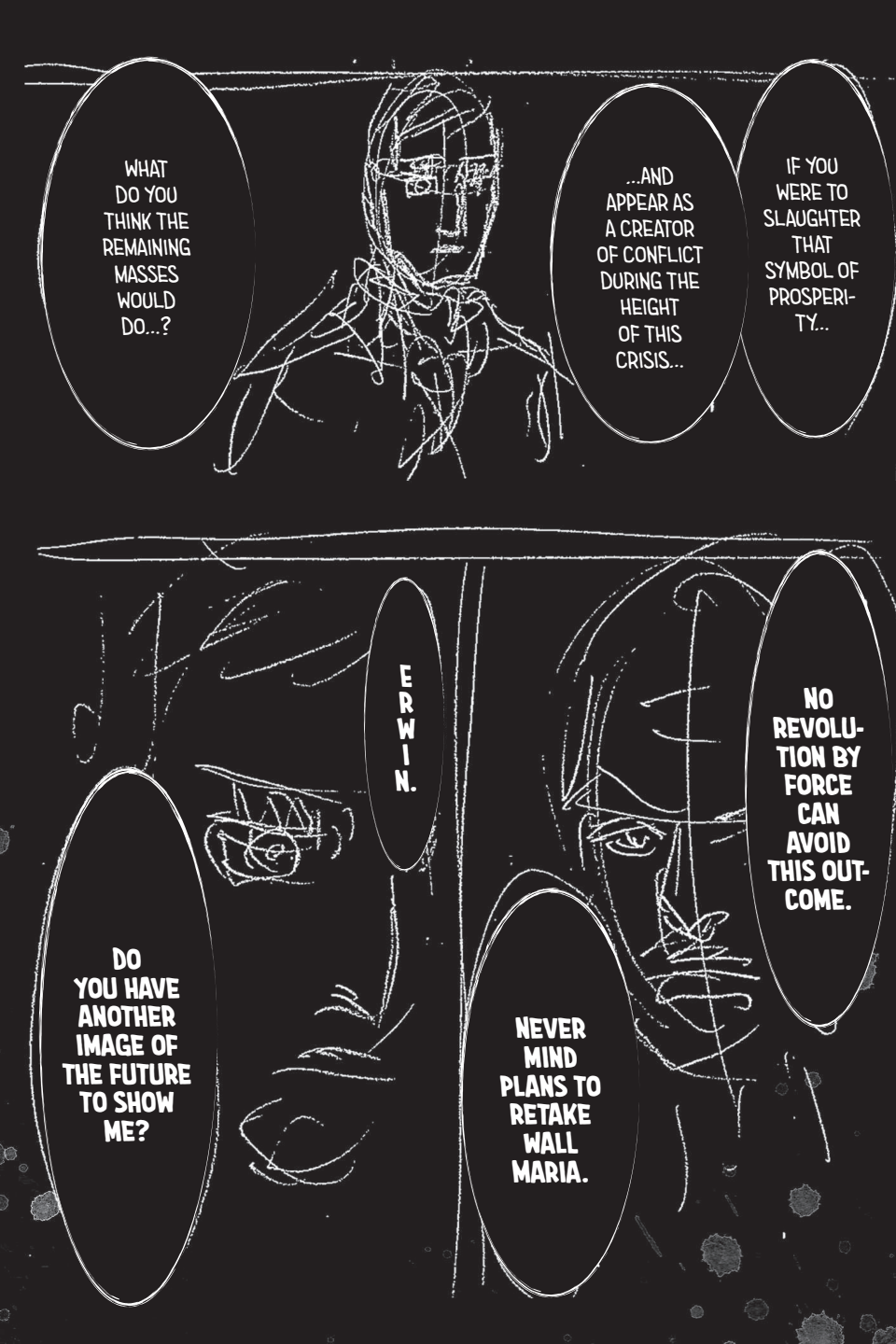
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE REMAINING MASSES WOULD DO...?
...AND APPEAR AS A CREATOR OF CONFLICT DURING THE HEIGHT OF THIS CRISIS...
IF YOU WERE TO SLAUGHTER THAT SYMBOL OF PROSPERITY...
ERWIN.
DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER IMAGE OF THE FUTURE TO SHOW ME?
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